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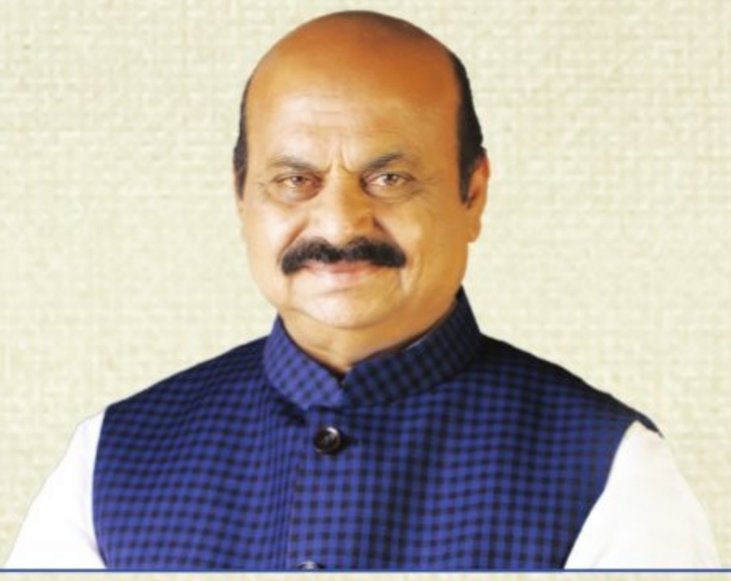
USFDA gives full approval to Covid vax by Pfizer-BioNTech

The US Food and Drug Administration on Monday gave full approval to Pfizer-BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine. The regulator had in December 2020 given emergency use authorisation for the vaccine, developed by US-based Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech | **P16**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

1st KARNATAKA FIRST STATE TO START IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020



Shri. Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Government of India

Shri. Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Under the Able Leadership of Shri. Narendra Modiji

NEP 2020 was Launched on 23rd August 2021
with the following initiatives

NEP Karnataka Website

NEP Helpline 080-24486666

Admissions Module
of Unified University and College Management System (UUCMS) – Through which 2021- 2022 Higher Education Admissions as per NEP 2020 will be done

Internationalization of Higher Education
through unveiling of MoU with Montgomery County Community College, Pennsylvania, USA – for Twinning program at the Diploma level

In the August Presence of

Shri. Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Karnataka

Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan
Hon'ble Minister for Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
Government of India

Dr. C. N. Ashwath Narayan
Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, IT-BT, Science & Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of Karnataka

Shri. B. C. Nagesh
Hon'ble Primary and Secondary Education Minister
Government of Karnataka

Felicitation of Draft NEP Committee members Dr. K. Kasturi Rangan, Prof M. K. Sridhar, Prof. Kattimani and Dr. Anurag Behar.

NEP – Technology Interventions

- UUCMS – An Enabling Platform for NEP
- Digital Learning - through Karnataka Learning Management System (LMS), Smart Classrooms and Provision of Tablet PCs to students

NEP Milestones Karnataka

- Draft NEP – 2019
- Karnataka NEP Task Force Formed – March 2020
- Union Cabinet Approval – July 2020
- Karnataka Task Force Report – November 2020
- Karnataka Cabinet Approval – December 2020
- NEP Implementation Launch – 23rd August 2021

NEP - 2020
Gives To Every Student
Holistic Multi-disciplinary Education
Creating
A Well Rounded Personality
Which Uncovers The
Creative Potential Of Every Individual

NEP - 2020
Empowers Students Through
Industry Ready Curriculum
Teaching Methodology Which Gives
In Depth Understanding Of Every Concept
Continuous, Comprehensive And
Realistic Assessment
And Provides
Skills Which Enhance Employability
Capabilities To Become An Entrepreneur

NEP - 2020
Gives True Freedom To Students
To Shape Their Own Destiny
To Chart Their Own Course In Life
By Studying The Subjects Which Are
Of Interest To Them
Suitable To Them
In Which They Can Excel

NEP - 2020
Gives Opportunity To a Student
Who Has Discontinued Studies
At Any Stage, For Any Reason
To Rejoin & Continue Studies
From The Same Level

KARNATAKA FIRST STATE TO START INTERNATIONAL TWINNING PROGRAM AT DIPLOMA LEVEL

"To protect and respect our varied culture and traditions" is the fundamental duty of every Citizen of our Country.

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Department of Information and Public Relations

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, AT DEVANAHALLI

C.Mis. No. 145/2021

Between:
Smt. Gangamma & Others ...Petitioners
And:- The Chief Officer ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioners have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Channarayappa, S/o Uduthappa was died on 21.08.2004 at Ward No.21, Indira Nagara, Vijayapura Town, Devnahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 24.09.2021 at 11.A.M.** in C.Misc No.145/2021. **By Order of the Court**

Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioners:
Sri. N. Harish, Advocate,
Hanumanthappa Building, Devanahalli Town.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri Venkatesh,** S/o late Doddarangappa, aged about 60 years, residing at Kumbalgud, Gollahalli, Thippur, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560 060, says that his father **SRI DODDARANGAPPA S/o LATE CHIKKARANGAPPA died on 10/01/1964** at the above mentioned address my client insist me file the Petition on behalf of his before the II ADDL., CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU, CRI. MIS. No. 345/21 to obtain order for issuance of death certificate of his father **SRI DODDARANGAPPA S/o LATE CHIKKARANGAPPA** from The Tahasildar/Registrar, Registrar of Birth and Death, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, if anybody having any objection in this regard may please comply within **07 (Seven) days.**

M. RUDRESH, Advocate
No.217/A, 57th Cross, Opp. Ram Mandir, 4th Block Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010.
Place: Bangalore Date: 23.08.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. M. SATHISH KUMAR,** aged about 29 years, S/o Sri. Mukunda, R/at. Ramapura, Amblikal, Mulbagal, Kolar District, Pin- 563132 is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **(i) Sri. RAMESH MAHALINGAM,** S/o Sri. S.P. Mahalingam, Aged about 49 years, **(ii) Smt. DEVI DEVASENA RAMESH.** W/o. Sri. Ramesh Mahalingam, Aged about 53 years, Both are R/at. No. 21, Thayagi Natesan Street-3, Salem, Ammapet, Tamil Nadu-636003, Rep. by their G.P.A Holder **Mr. GIRIDHAR GOVINDHAPPA,** aged about 49 years, S/o Sri. P. Govindappa, for valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are here by requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 16, old Khata No. 123/15, 123/16, 123/17, New Khata No. 2099/123,15,16,17, formed out of Property No. 123, Situated at Kithaganuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore, measuring East to West - 40 feet North to South - 30 feet, in all total 1200 Sq feet Bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 41, **North by:** Site No. 17, **South by:** Site No. 15.

From, **Mr. Manjunath Reddy,**
Smt. T. Shobha Reddy,
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph:- 9845520830, 7353233778, 9036761009

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 1)
No. 4, Residency Road, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road, Bengaluru-560 025

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. RC 434/2020 07/09/2020

UNION BANK OF INDIA Versus M/S. BHOJWANI HOTELS PVT. LTD., AND OTHERS

To, UNION BANK OF INDIA, GANDHINAGAR BRANCH, NO.14, I MAIN ROAD, GANDHINAGAR, BENGALURU-560 009.

1) M/S. BHOJWANI HOTELS PVT. LTD., HAVING REGISTERED OFFICE AT NO.1406, DALAMAL TOWERS, #211, NARIMAN POINT, MUMBAI 400 021
2) M/S. BHOJWANI BROTHERS CONSULTANCY AND SERVICES PVT LTD REGISTERED OFFICE AT NO.31-32. "WONDER LAND", NO.7, M.G. ROAD, PUNE 411 011.
3) M/S. TRUST HOUSE COMMERCE CENTRE PVT LTD, REGISTERED OFFICE AT NO. 2, "PURSHOTHAM BHAWAN", LITTLE GIBBS ROAD, MALBAR HILL, MUMBAI-400 006. HAVING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT NO.19, M.G. ROAD, PUNE 411001
4) DR. LAXMIKANTH REWACHAND BHOJWANI R/AT NO.15, PUSHPAK SOCIETY, KALYANI NAGAR, PUNE 411 014.
5) MR. SANJAY LAXMIKANTH BHOJWANI, R/AT NO.15, PUSHPAK SOCIETY, KALYANI NAGAR, PUNE 411 014.
6) MR. ROMI LAXMIKANTH BHOJWANI, R/AT NO.15, PUSHPAK SOCIETY, KALYANI NAGAR, PUNE 411 014.
7) MR. PRABHU D. BALCHAND, C/O. DAVAO LILA DEPARTMENT STORE, 158, SAN PEDRO STREET, DAVAO CITY, PHILLIPINES
8) MRS. JAYA TAKURDAS DHALAMAL, C/O. DAVAO LILA DEPARTMENT STORE, 158, SAN PEDRO STREET, DAVAO CITY, PHILLIPINES
9) MRS. JAMEELA BALCHAND, C/O. DAVAO LILA DEPARTMENT STORE, 158, SAN PEDRO STREET, DAVAO CITY, PHILLIPINES.
10) MRS. RADHA DHALAMAL, C/O DAVAO LILA DEPARTMENT STORE, 158, SAN PEDRO STREET, DAVAO CITY, PHILLIPINES.
11) MR.PRAKASH KIRPALANI (i) CCAUCE 5, TORREMOLINOS, MALAGA, SPAIN (ii) TRONS ASRA POSSESSION NOTICE 107, DUKE ST. OCEONIC ST GRAND TURK, TURKS CAICOS ISLANDS. (iii) AMANANTIALESGOYA NO.2, TRR MALAGA, SPAIN
12) NISHA KIRPALANI (i) CCAUCE 5, TORREMOLINOS, MALAGA, SPAIN. (ii) TRONS ASRA POSSESSION NOTICE 107, DUKE ST. OCEONIC ST GRAND TURK, TURKS CAICOS ISLANDS. (iii) AMANANTIALESGOYA NO 2, TRR MALAGA, SPAIN.
13) RAMCHAND L. SAMTANI, PO BOX 13874, DEIRA, DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
14) NEETA R. SAMTANI, PO BOX 13874, DEIRA, DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
15) ANIL R. SAMTANI PO BOX 13874, DEIRA, DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.
16) KANTA NARAINDAS BHAGCHANDANI C/O. MYKKO EMPORIUM, AB FERNANDES, DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES.
17) DEEPAK NARAINDAS BHAGCHANDANI C/O. MYKKO EMPORIUM, AB FERNANDES, DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES.
18) MANJU CHUGANI (ALIAS MOHAN WASSIMAL CHUGANI), CO. BHOJWANI BROTHERS CONSULTANCY AND SERVICES PVT. LTD., NO 31-32, WONDER LAND, NO.7, MG. ROAD, PUNE 411 001,
19) DIVYA CHUGANI (ALIAS CHANDRA SUNDERDAS SHIVDASANI) CO. BHOJWANI BROTHERS CONSULTANCY AND SERVICES PVT. LTD. NO 31-32, WONDER LAND, NO.7, MG ROAD, PUNE 411 001.
20) SANGEETHA SUNIL KISHNANI, 515, ALDER COURT, PENECIA, CA 94310, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
21) ASHOK ASSANDAS CHUGANI (i) 1, FRENCH MEWS, BAY ESQ. ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES, 00802, VIRGINIA ISLANDS (ii) NO.31, MAIN STREET, ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES, 00802 VIRGINIA ISLANDS () 211, WATER GARDEN II, GIBRALTAR
22) VINOD ASSANDAS CHUGANI 211, WATER GARDEN II, GIBRALTAR
23) PADMA A CHUGANI C/O. BHOJWANI BROTHERS CONSULTANCY AND SERVICES PVT LTD. NO 31-32, WONDER LAND, NO.7, M.G ROAD, PUNE 411 001.
24) INDUSIND BANK LTD. PUNE 411 001.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-1) in **OA / 138/2002** an amount of Rs 11,86,05,280.00 (Rupees Eleven Crores Eighty Six Lakhs Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @0% wef **12/03/2002** till realization and costs of **Rs.0 (Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally)

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under

You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours asets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **12/10/2020** at 10:30 am. for further proceedings

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay,

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 07/09/2020

Sd/- (DEEPAINDUVANI.S)
RECOVERYOFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, AT DEVANAHALLI

C.Mis. No. 146/2021

Between:
Smt. Gangamma & Others ...Petitioners
And:- The Chief Officer ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioners have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Kiramma W/o Late Channarayappa was died on 04.03.1980 at Ward No.21, Indira Nagara, Vijayapura Town, Devnahalli, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 24.09.2021 at 11.A.M.** in C.Misc No.146/2021. **By Order of the Court**

Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioners:
Sri. N. Harish, Advocate,
Hanumanthappa Building, Devanahalli Town.

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BANGALORE (C.C.H. No. 89)

Com. O.S. No. 378/2021

BETWEEN: STATE BANK OF INDIA, Small and Medium Enterprises Centre (SMEC), #20, Badagandu Sangha Building, Girls' High School Street, Kumarapark, Bangalore - 560020. Rptd. By its: Chief Manager **...Plaintiff**

AND:

M/s. Karnataka Micro Electric Systems ...Defendant

Summons to Defendants:

M/s. Karnataka Micro Electric Systems, No. 17, 1st and 2nd Floor, Konanakunte Industrial Area, Harinagar Cross, Bangalore 560062.

M/s. Karnataka Micro Electric Systems represented by it's Proprietor:

Mr. Shiva Sharana, S/o Nigappa, No. 17, 1st and 2nd Floor, Konanakunte Industrial Area, Harinagar Cross, Anjanapura Main Road, Bangalore 560062.

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed the above case against Defendant, a Suit for recovery of Rs.7,30,466/-, together with current and future interest rate of 11% p.a. compounded monthly rests on the above-mentioned amount, from the date of suit till its payment. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through the pleader **on the day 07.09.2021 at 11 A.M, CCH-89,** to Defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 21st day of August 2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff :
GKM Associates, Advocates
No.205, 2nd Floor, Ahuja Chambers, No. 1 Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore-5600 001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. MANJUNATHA. M,** aged about 30 years, S/o Sri. Mukunda, R/at. No. 592, Ambedkar Nagar, Vijanapura, R.M. Nagar, Bangalore-560016 is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **(i) Sri. RAMESH MAHALINGAM,** S/o. Sri. S.P. Mahalingam, aged about 49 years, **(ii) Smt. DEVI DEVASENA RAMESH** W/o Sri. Ramesh Mahalingam, aged about 53 years, Both are R/at No. 21, Thayagi Natesan Street-3, Salem, Ammapet, Tamil Nadu-636003, Rep. by their G.P.A Holder **Mr. GIRIDHAR GOVINDHAPPA,** aged about 49 years, S/o Sri. P. Govindappa, for valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are here by requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 15, old Khata No. 123/15, 123/16, 123/17, New Khata No. 2099/123,15,16,17, formed out of Property No. 123, Situated at Kithaganuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore, measuring East to West-40 feet North to South-30 feet, in all total 1200 Sq feet, Bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 42, **North by:** Site No. 16, **South by:** Site No. 14.

From, **Mr. Manjunath Reddy,**
Smt. T. Shobha Reddy,
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph:- 9845520830, 7353233778, 9036761009

D.C.P.NO 3818
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
KRISHI BHAVAN - HUDSON CIRCLE BANGALORE-560 001

Notice of Demand to Defendants

(See Rule 2 of the Second Schedule of Income Tax Act, 1961 and Section 25 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks under Financial Institution Act 1993)

1. M/s Bhojwani Hotels Pvt Ltd, Regd Office No.1406. "Dalamal Towers, No.211, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021 and Admn. office at No.31-32, "Wonder Land" No.7, M.G Road, Pune-411 001
2. Bhojwani Brothers Consultancy & Services Pvt Ltd. Regd Office at No.31-32, "Wonder Land" No.7, M.G Road, Pune-411 001
3. Dr.Laxmikant Rewachand Bhojwani, No.15, Pushpak Society, Kalyani Nagar, Pune-411 014
4. Sri.Sanjay Laxmikant Bhojwani, No.15, Pushpak Society, Kalyani Nagar, Pune-411 014
5. Sri.Romy Laxmikant Bhojwani, No.15, Pushpak Society, Kalyani Nagar, Pune -411 014
6. Trust House Commerce Centre Pvt Ltd, Regd Office at No.2, "Purushottam Bhavan", Little Gibbs Road, Malabar Hill, Mumbai - 400 006 and Admn.office at No.19, MG Road, Pune-411 001
7. Indus Ind Bank Ltd, No.2401, Gen.Thimmaiah Road, Pune - 411 001 : Defendant/s

Please take notice that Certificate dt 21st February 2007 has been forwarded by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore in OA No.218/2000

Between: Union Bank of India, Gandhinagar Branch, "Sevakshetra", No.14, 1st Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009 : Applicant/s

AND : M/s Bhojwani Hotels Pvt Ltd and others : Defendant/s

for the recovery of an amount of Rs.5,60,20,032 details of which are given hereunder. You are hereby required to pay the amount aforesaid within 15 days from the date of service of this notice by Demand draft in favour of the undersigned.

2. You are informed that in case of defaults steps would be taken to realize the amount by one or more of the following modes namely

Attachment and sale of the movable or immovable properties of defendants

(b) Arrest of the defendant and detention in prison.

(c) By appointing a receiver for the management of the movable or immovable properties of Defendants.

3) In addition to the amount aforesaid you will also be liable for:

(a) such interest as is payable as per decree, and

(b) all costs incurred to realize the debt.

DETAILS OF AMOUNT MENTIONED IN RECOVERY CERTIFICATE

Sl. No	ITEM	AMOUNT (in Rupees)
1	Amount Determined	19163004
2	Interest @ 16.50% p.a. compounded quarterly from 8/5/2000 to 20/12/2006	36692028
3	Application Fee	150000
4	Advocate's fees	15000
	TOTAL	56020032

NB: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Ax 1961 read with recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 11/04/2008.

MARY JACOB
RECOVERY OFFICER DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
No. 4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 025

FORM NO. 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))

DRC NO 104/2019

Union Bank of India, Gandhinagar Branch, Sevakshetra, #14 Ground Floor, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009 :Certificate Holder
-Versus - M/s. Lakshmi Ganapathi Industries & Another : Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To, 1. M/s.Lakshmi Ganapathi Industries A Proprietary Concern, No. 14/5, 12th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar. KP Agrahara Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023
2. Smt. M.Rani, D/o. Late Munirathnam, Proprietrix, M/s Laksmi Ganapathi Industries Res at: No. 10/1, 10th Cross. Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA No **1197/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 09/05/2019 an amount of Rs.26,64,286.52 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six and Paise Fifty Two Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay : a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 25th day of May 2019.

Sd/- (DEEPAINDUVANI.S) RECOVERY OFFICER-II, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below. "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I- BENGALURU
No. 4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 025.

FORM NO. 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))

DRC NO: 659/2019

Corporation Bank : Frazer Town Branch, No.1, Ground Floor, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560 005, Karnataka :Certificate Holder
-Versus- Mrs. Tarannum & Another : Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To 1. Mrs. Tarannum, W/o. Mr. Syed Ibrahim, Residing at: 2nd Floor, BBMP Khatha No.32, Old No.91-46-32, Veeranna Garden, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560 005.
2. Mr. Syed Ibrahim, S/o. Syed Abdul Sattar Ibrahim, Residing at: 2nd Floor, BBMP Khatha No.32, Old No.91-46-32, Veeranna Garden, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560 005.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.801/2018** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **06/07/2019** an amount of **Rs. 18,66,042/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Sixty Six Thousand and Forty Two Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay: a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 08 day of August 2019.

Sd/- (RAJASEKHARAN.R) RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT 1: BENGALURU E-mail: rajasekharan.r@nic.in

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below. "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Your Family Bank Across India

Asset Recovery Management Branch, 1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009
Phone: 080-22955928(Gen)/929(CM)
E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website: www.karnatakabank.com
CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **Karnataka Bank Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **09-06-2021** calling upon the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor **(1) Mr.Shivanna,** S/o Mr.Sathyappa, Dhanalakshmi Nilaya, Ward No.18, Kethiganahalli Main Road, Near Lakshmi Temple, Bidadi, Ramanagaram District-562109 **(2) Mr.Hanumantharaju P.,** S/o Mr.Puttaswamaiah, No.48, 3rd Cross, Kethiganahalli Road, Near St.Thomas School, Maruti Layout, Bidadi, Ramanagaram District-562109 to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,17,64,582=06 [Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Two And Paise Six Only] under TL A/c No.9057001600029301** along with future interest from **07-06-2021,** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower, mortgagor and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagor, guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **21st day of August-2021.**

The borrower, the mortgagor and the guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Limited, Bidadi Branch** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.1,19,56,370=77 [Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy And Paise Seventy Seven Only] under TL A/c No.9057001600029301** along with future interest from **07-08-2021,** plus costs.

(The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub- section (8) of Sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of **Residential Property** bearing **Old Kaneshumari No.453/60/3,** Present **Kaneshumari No.463/30/3/2, Property No.152900401701120239** measuring **8109.00 Sq.ft** [East to West: 153 Ft and North to South: 53 Ft] and building constructed thereon situated at Kenchanakuppe Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagaram District belonging to **Mr.Shivanna** **Boundaries as per documents : East** : Road, **West** : Property of Shivanna , **North** : Property of Lokesh, **South** : Property of Shivanna.

Place: Kenchanakuppe Village, Bidadi Hobli.
Date: 21.08.2021

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

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The borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **21st day of August-2021.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Limited, Nelamangala Branch** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.21,27,219=37 [Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen And Paise Thirty Seven Only]** under **TL A/c No.5577001600006001** along with future interest from **21-07-2021,** plus costs.

(The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub- section (8) of Sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of **Residential Property** bearing **No.HL-25,** Khata **No.5,** measuring **1200.00 Sq.Ft** [East to West: 40 Ft and North to South: 30 Ft] situated at Sunkadakatte, Srigandhadakavalu Dakhle, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru together with building constructed thereon belonging to **1) Mr.Lokesh M.** and **2) Mrs.Siddagangamma.** **Boundaries as per documents : East By :** Road, **West By:** Site No.26, **North By:** Site No.HL-24, **South By :** Road.

Place: Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru.
Date: 21.08.2021

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Reliance Home Finance Ltd. ("RHFL"). Pursuant to the below mentioned Deed of Assignment, RHFL transferred and assigned the financial assets and other rights in favour of the State Bank of India. Subsequently, State Bank of India authorized to do all such acts including enforcement of underlying securities. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below, calling upon the following borrowers /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

NAME OF THE BORROWER / ADDRESS	DATE OF NOTICE, NPA AND DEED OF ASSIGNMENT (DOA)	LOAN AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS
1. R SRINIVASAN, 2. S ANURADHA, NO 699/1, WARD NO.4, BEHIND AK FOOD MART, GOVINDA SHETTY PALYA ELECTRONIC CITY, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA- 560100.	Notice Date: 31st May 2021 NPA date: 31st March 2021 DOA: 29-Dec-18	Loan Account No. RHAHBAN000057290 (PR00750104) Loan Amount : Rs. 1300000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Only) Outstanding amount: Rs. 1495764/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh(s) Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four Only) as on 29th May 2021	ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY BEARING PORTION OF GRAMTHANA KHANESHMARI NO.64 ADMEASURING EAST TO WEST 15 FEET NORTH TO SOUTH 40 FEET ADMEASURING 600 SQ.FT. OLD KHATA NO. 357&114, NEW KHATA NO. 371 SITUATED AT KONNAPPA AGRAHARA VILLAGE (GOVIND SHETTY PALYA) BEGUR HOBLI, BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA 560100 AND BOUDED AS UNDER EAST- REMAINING PORTION OF THE SAME PROPERTY, WEST- REMAINING PORTION OF THE SAME PROPERTY, SOUTH- ROAD, NORTH- PROPERTY BELONG HARIJANAS, GOPALAPPAAND KEMPAIAH.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers, to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and the applicable Rules thereunder.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23rd August 2021

Sd/- (Authorized Officer) State Bank of India.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client namely Sri. B.N. Parashuram S/o late Nanjappa @ Appannagowda, aged about 70 years, R/at Bindiganavile Village and Post, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District-571802, with an intention to purchase the schedule properties has entered into an agreement of sale dated 21.08.2021 with its owner Smt. Anitha .R Murthy W/o K. Ramamurthy, Aged about 51 years, R/at No.141, 3rd Cross Road, 2nd Stage, A.G.B. lay out, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore-560 086.

It is hereby informed to the General Public that any person/bank, financial institutions etc., having any claim, charge, mortgage, right, title and interest etc., in respect of the schedule property or any part thereof are hereby requested to make the same known to the under signed in writing supported by document/s within a period of **TEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claim of such person will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned and my client shall proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of an immovable Western side half ofthe full property of bearing vacant site No.48 (Forty Eight) B.B.M.P Katha No.34/7/48, Srigandada Kavalu Assessment No. 34/7 situated at Srigandada Kavalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.129, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 15 feet and North to South: 40 feet, measuring totally 600 square feet, and bounded on the **East by:** Remaining Eastern portion of same property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property No.35, **South by:** Road.

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of an immovable Eastern side half of the full property of bearing vacant site No.48 (Forty Eight) Katha Sl.No.2077, B.B.M.P Katha No.34/7/48, Srigandada Kavalu Assessment No.34/7situated at Srigandada Kavalu Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.129, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 15 feet and North to South: 40 feet, measuring totally 600 square feet, and bounded on the; **East by:** Site No. 47, **West by:** Remaining Western portion of same property, **North by:** Property No.35, **South by:** Road.

Address for Service:
B.S. Nataraja, Advocate
B.S.N. & Associates,
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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	**(1) Mr. Raja Shekar K (Borrower),** No 15, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Michel Palya, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560038, **(2) Mr. Raja Shekar K,** Vivekananda Education Institution, Designation: Partner, 11/1, Krishna Temple Road, 1st Floor, Binnamangala II, Indiranagar 560038, **(3) Mr. Raja Shekar K,** Flat-G39, Floor-Ground, Nisarga Sarovara Apartment, Plot 1 to 39, S No 49, Sector, Bannahalli Village, Ward, Banahalli-Bommasandra, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru 560100, **(4) Mrs. Sharada M (Co-Borrower),** No 15, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Michel Palya, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560038, **(5) Mrs. Sharada M,** Vivekananda Education Institution, Designation: Partner 11/1, Krishna Temple Road, 1st Floor, Binnamangala II, Indiranagar 560038, **(6) Mrs. Sharada M,** Flat-G39, Floor-Ground, Nisarga Sarovara Apartment, Plot 1 to 39, S No 49, Sector, Bannahalli Village, Ward, Banahalli-Bommasandra, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru 560100.	**Loan Account No. 613912218 Rs.16,28,013/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Thirteen Only) as on 31.07.2021**	**13.08.2021** **N.P.A. Date: (e)** **30.11.2020**	**Schedule 'A' Property:** All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing **Sy. No.49,** measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas of land equivalent to **95832 square feet,** situated at Bannahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, converted as per Order of Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide ref. No.BDS:ALN(A)SR:11/05-06 dated 19.04.2005 and the Plan is approved for construction of Multistoried Residential Apartments by the BMRDA vide its ref: No. BMRDA/Anekal Planning Authority/LAO/68/05-06 dated 24.11.2007, plan approval from Secretary, Bommasandra Gram Panchyath plan approval adated 12/03/2010 and modified plan sanction Ref.No. BMRDA/Anekal/Planning Authority/LAO/68/2005-06 dated 23.07.2013 and the entire extent of land is bounded on: East by : Road;West by : Raja Kaluve; North by : Jayaramreddy Property; South by : Ramaswamy Reddy Property. **Schedule 'B' Property:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing **No.G 39** in Ground Floor in the project known as **'NISARGA SAROVARA'** built in Schedule A' Property and apartment measuring **778 Sq. feet** of super built up area approximately inclusive of balconies, utility areas and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with one car parking Space in the Basement floor together with **257 Sq. feet** undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the Schedule A' Property and the apartment is bounded by: East : Flat No. G 36, West : Corridor & Flat No.G 48, North : Corridor & Flat No.G 40, South :Flat No. G 38..
2	**(1) Mr. Kanthraj K C (Borrower), Designation:** Proprietor, # 217, Ittina Soupernika, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore South, Carmelaram, Kaikondara Halli, Bengaluru 560035, **(2) Mr. Kanthraj K C,** Site No.29, Khatta No.1000/29, Asst No-1000, S No 21/3,22/2, 22/3,22/4,Kasavanahalli Village, House Na, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru 560037. **(1) Mrs. S Sunitha (Co-Borrower),** # 217, Ittina Soupernika, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore South, Carmelaram, Kaikondara Halli, Bengaluru 560035. **(2) Mrs. S Sunitha,** Site No.29, Khatta No.1000/29, Asst No-1000, S No 21/3,22/2, 22/3,22/4, Kasavanahalli Village, House Na, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru 560037.	**Loan Account No. (1)629907958 Rs. 8,10,375/- (2) 629908014 Rs.50,46,180/- (3) 630933635 Rs. 57,443/- (4) 631215262 Rs. 2,33,733/- (5) 638430283 Rs.21,28,507/- (6) 639962476 Rs. 1,56,583/- Total Rs.84,32,821/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty One Only) as on 31.07.2021**	**13.08.2021** **N.P.A. Date: (e)** **31.01.2021**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 29, Katha No. 1000/29,** Assessement **No.1000,** out of residential converted Sy.No. 21/3, 22/2, 22/3 and 22/4 situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring **1200 Sq.feet,** and bounded on : East by : Site No.30, West by : Site No.28, North by: Site No.19 and 20 South by : 30 Feet Road.
3	**(1) Mr. Srinivas V (Borrower),** No 160, 1st Floor, 7th Cross, Defence Colony, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru 560092, **(2) Mr. Srinivas V,** #148, Mallohalli Palya, Doddaballapura Tq, Bangalore Rural Dist 561203, **(3) Mr. Srinivas V,** SRS Associates, Designation: Proprietor, No 2560, 3rd Phase HIG, Behind Agarwal Eye Hospital, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru 560064, **(4) Mr. Srinivas V,** Plot 27, House 27, Khatha No. 43/1/27, Balaji Layout, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560064.	**Loan Account No. (1)621042891 Rs.70,48,067/- (2) 621534377 Rs. 2,33,771/- Total Rs.72,81,838/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Only) as on 31.07.2021**	**17.08.2021** **N.P.A. Date: (e)** **31.07.2021**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing vacant **Site No. 27, Katha No. 43/1/27,** formed out of converted **Sy.No. 43/1,** [converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No. ALN: (NAY) SR: 18/2014-15, dated 10.04.2015, issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore], situated at Balaji Layout, Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under BBMP Limits, measuring East to West: (30.9+30.6)/2 feet and North to South: 40.6 feet, total **1248.5 sq.ft.** and bounded on:East by : Site No. 22; West by : Road, North by : Site No. 26,South by: Private Property.
4	**(1) Mrs. Swarnambiga Narayan C (Borrower),** Flat No.1208-Accord, H M Symphone Apartment, Varthur Hobli, Off Sarjapura Road, Kasavanahalli Village, Carmelaram, Bengaluru 560035, **(2) Mrs. Swarnambiga Narayan C,** No 951, 27th "A" Main, 9th Block, Near Mega Mart, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560069, **(3) Mrs. Swarnambiga Narayan C, Jet Airways (India) Limited, Designation: Inflight Supervisor, Department:** Cabin Crew, **Employee no:** JA-1010561, Jet Airways, Bial Airport, Devanahalli, Bengaluru 562110, **(4) Mr. Satish Bangalore Nagaraja (co-borrower),** No 951, 27th "A" Main, 9th Block, Near Mega Mart, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560069, **(5) Mr. Satish Bangalore Nagaraja, Force Fitness India Private Limited, Designation:** SR MGR-FRANCHISE SAL, **Department:** Sales, **Employee no:** 005, No 41/A, 1st Floor, BDA Complex, HSR Layout, Bengaluru 560102, **(6) Mr. Satish Bangalore Nagaraja,** Flat No.1208-Accord, H M Symphone Apartment, Varthur Hobli, Off Sarjapura Road, Kasavanahalli Village, Carmelaram, Bengaluru 560035.	**Loan Account No. 600545136 Rs.47,50,640/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only) as on 31.07.2021**	**17.08.2021** **N.P.A. Date: (e)** **28.02.2021**	All that piece and parcel of residential 3 bed room apartment bearing **No.1208 on the 12th Floor** in Accord Block, of the building known as **"H.M. SYMPHONY",** having a **super built up area of 1717.07 Sq. ft.** along with one open car parking area with proportionate share of **0.312% (609.68 sq. feet)** of undivided share, right title and interest in the land, on which this apartment complex is constructed, which is situated on land bearing **Sy. No.s 83,84,85,and 86** of Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District and The property falls under limits bearing BBMP Khata No. 3186/2977/83,84,85 & 86 Kasavanahalli.
5	**(1) Mr. Sanjeevakumara R S (Borrower),** #29, Ground Floor, 5th Main Ittamadu, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore South, Bengaluru 560085, **(2) Mr. Sanjeevakumara R S, Sigtuple Technologies Private Limited, Designation:** Sales Manager, **Department:** Medical, **Employee No:** 5015, L-172, Ground Floor, Sector 6, HSR Layout, Bengaluru 560107, **(3) Mr. Sanjeevakumara R S,** Flat No. 24, Ground Floor, Mars Mount Apartments, Ittamadu, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari, Bengaluru 560085, **(4) Mrs. Sahana K (Co-borrower),** #29, Ground Floor, 5th Main Ittamadu, Banashankari III Stage, Bangalore South, Bengaluru 560085, **(5) Mrs. Sahana K,** Flat No. 24, Ground Floor, Mars Mount Apartments, Ittamadu, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari, Bengaluru 560085.	**Loan Account No. (1) 640562628 Rs.63,64,344/- (2) 640899412 Rs. 1,69,259/- Total Rs.65,33,603/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Three Only) as on 31.07.2021**	**18.08.2021** **N.P.A. Date: (e)** **30.04.2021**	All that piece and parcel of residential **3 bed room** apartment bearing **No.GF-024,** Ground Floor, of the building known as **"MARS MOUNT",** having a total super built up area of **1410 Sq. ft. [Carpet Area:950 sq ft** Exclusive Common Area (Balcony): **82 sqft & Common Area: 378 sq ft],** along with one open/covered car parking space in the Basement Floor with proportionate share of **544 sq. feet** of undivided share, right title and interest in the land, on which this apartment complex is constructed which is situated on land properties bearing (1) Sy.No:7. Re-Sy.No.157. further phodi Re-Sy.No:157/2 measuring to an extent of **00-24 guntas** and (2) Old Sy.No:7, Re-Sy.No:158, measuring to an extent of 1 acre, in total measuring 01 acres 24 Guntas, both the properties are situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently bearing amalgamated BBMP Khata No.832/157/7/158, in ward No. 160 of Hosakerehalli.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of HDFC Limited. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 24.08.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Officer
HDFC Ltd., Under SARFAESI ACT, 2002

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The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Monday penalised Maruti for anti-competitive practices related to dealer discounts

UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE HURT CONSUMERS: CCI

The CCI found that the auto major had a 'discount control policy', which discouraged dealers from giving extra discounts and freebies to consumers beyond those prescribed by the company. Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL) had even appointed 'mystery shopping agencies' who approach dealers posing as customers to find out if they offer any additional discounts

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- The competition watchdog has asked the automaker to "cease and desist" from its anti-competitive practices forthwith
- The implication is that Maruti dealers will be free to offer discounts or freebies over and above what the company has prescribed, ultimately benefiting the end consumers

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Classes 9, 10, 12 open offline, only 18.33% kids attend

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SCHOOLS on Monday warily reopened classes 9, 10 and 12 in the offline mode in 26 of 31 districts across Karnataka, although recording a fairly low attendance of 18.33 per cent, mainly due to parents fearing Covid-19 infection among children.

Class 12 students recorded the highest attendance at 29.08 per cent with 1,76,319 students of the total enrolled 6,06,154 attending offline classes on Monday. Class 9 reported the lowest of 13.89 per cent with 1,33,652 of 9,61,748 totally enrolled students attending classes. For Class 10, 1,54,782 of 9,66,481 students attended.

Offline classes were held for classes 9, 10 and 12, as admissions for class 11 are still underway with about 1.7 lakh students admitted so far, a Pre-University Department official said.

A teacher welcomes a student with a rose, at a government PU college in Malleswaram, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

Despite the poor attendance, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said those who attended did so with a lot of enthusiasm. Bommai, who visited a school and a PU college in Malleswaram in Bengaluru and interacted with students, said the government plans to consult experts in the last week of this month to decide on reopening of schools in border districts too.

Schools were not allowed to reopen for offline classes in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan and Kodagu as they have postivity rate of over 2 per cent.

Shashi Kumar, General Secretary, Association of Management of Primary and Secondary Schools of Karnataka, said that attendance was close to 100 per cent in a few schools. A few schools deferred the reopening for a few weeks, as parents said they wanted online classes. P4

IT'S OFFICIAL, K'TAKA 1ST STATE TO LAUNCH NEP

Karnataka became the first state to launch National Education Policy 2020 on Monday. Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan virtually launched the admission module under NEP-2020, making Karnataka the first state to start admissions for graduates under the police. P6

₹6 lakh crore plan to monetise infra assets

Govt to unlock value in road, railway, airport, and other sectors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre hopes to rake in ₹6 lakh crore over the next four years by monetising under-utilised infrastructure assets, of which ₹88,000 crore in the current financial year (FY22) alone.

Unveiling the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) here on Monday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said projects have been identified across various sectors including roads, railways and power, which is expected to unlock an average of ₹1.50 lakh crore a year till FY25.

The asset monetisation being envisaged does not involve selling of land and the government is not handing over ownership of these assets to private sectors, the FM stressed. "It is about monetising brownfield (existing) assets. Ownership of assets will remain with the government and there will be a mandatory handback," she added.

The government hopes to earn reveneus by bringing in private participation in 'brownfield assets', which are either languishing, not fully monetised or remaining under-utilised.

The MNP would cover 12 line ministries and more than 20 asset classes, including roads, railways, ports, airports, warehousing, gas & product pipelines, power, mining, telecom, stadium, hospitality and housing.

The top 5 sectors — roads (27%), Railways (25%), Power (15%), oil & gas pipelines (8%) and Telecom (6%) — account for 83% of the aggregate pipeline value.

For now, the pipeline involves only Central government assets. However, the Centre is encouraging states to identify and monetise their assets and has offered incentives for doing so.

Speaking at the launch, Niti Ayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar said: "The strategic objective of the programme is to unlock the value of investments in brownfield public sector assets by tapping institutional and long-term patient capital, which can thereafter be leveraged for further public investments."

Union Budget 2021-22 had identified monetisation of operating public infrastructure assets as a key means for sustainable infrastructure financing. P14

TAPPING BROWNFIELD PROJECTS

NMP will include monetisation of brownfield projects but no outright sale of assets

Total indicative value of NMP has been estimated at ₹6 lakh crore over 4 years till FY25, with average realisation of **₹1.5 lakh a year**

For FY22, the govt aims to realise **₹88,000 crore** through NMP

52%

RAILWAYS AND ROADS TOGETHER CONTRIBUTE 52% OF THE TOTAL NMP VALUE

Disinvestment and monetisation of non-core assets such as land, building, and pure-play real estate assets included in the NMP

Bengaluru records zero deaths, a first in 2nd wave

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IT was good news on the pandemic front on Monday, with Bengaluru reporting zero Covid deaths and the State logging the lowest number of deaths at 10 since the second wave struck Karnataka in March this year.

The city's total fatalities stood at 15,959 with a 1.29 per cent mortality rate, while the State toll was at 37,155 with a case fatality rate of 1.26 per cent.

The city has been witnessing a steady decline in daily mortality since July 10, when five deaths were reported. The State too has been seeing a similar trend since June 27, when the figures dipped below the 100-mark. In the last eight weeks, as per the BBMP war room data, Bengaluru's case fatality rate has dipped from a high of 2.07 per cent to 0.84 per cent. The highest number of deaths in Bengaluru are in the above-70 years category, with 3,465 men and 1,837 women succumbing to the virus. In all, 14 districts have a case fatality rate lower than that of State. P5

600 STUDENTS IN DK DISTRICT TEST POSITIVE

Over 600 students in Dakshina Kannada, mostly hailing from neighbouring Kerala, have tested positive for coronavirus weeks after exams were conducted and physical classes resumed in the district. As many as 29 institutions have been declared containment zones. P5

ALL-PARTY MEET CALLED; TALIBAN ISSUES WARNING

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH evacuations from Kabul picking up pace, the Centre on Monday called a meeting of floor leaders of all political parties in Parliament to brief them on the prevailing situation in Afghanistan and the ongoing relief measures. Union Minister for External Affairs S Jaishankar will do the briefing on Thursday in Parliament Annexe.

The initiative is in line with the practice of evolving political convergence on all important matters. The government does not expect any confrontation during the briefing.

The situation in Afghanistan continues to be volatile with Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen warning the US and its NATO allies of consequences if the try to extend their August 31 deadline for full drawdown of troops. Calling it a red line, he said any extension would imply an extended occupation of the country.

The warning came ahead of an emergency G7 meeting on Tuesday, which is expected to push the US to seek an extension of the August 31 deadline, as time is running out to evacuate all foreign nationals.

Amid the ongoing chaos at the Kabul airport, there were reports of gunfire killing an Afghan soldier. But outgoing flights continued to operate, with an IAF aircraft airlifting over 70 people, including its citizens and a group of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus, to Dushanbe in Tajikistan. A similar batch of people is expected to be flown out to Dushanbe soon. Separately, India brought back 146 nationals to Delhi in four commercial flights from Doha.

India has been receiving requests from other countries, too, including Nepal and Sri Lanka, for evacuating its nationals. On Sunday, a Lebanese citizen was part of an airlifted batch by India from Kabul. Officials, however, said priority will be given to Indian nationals for repatriation.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to German Chancellor Angela Merkel and discussed the security situation in Afghanistan.

As expected, China hinted at stepping up financial assistance to the Taliban, saying it will play a positive role in helping Afghanistan. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said the US cannot leave without doing anything for the war-ravaged nation's reconstruction. P13

US Marines shepherding an Afghan national and his children ahead of evacuation | PTI

US evacuates around 10,400 in a day from Afghanistan

Twenty-eight US military flights ferried about 10,400 people out of Afghanistan over the 24 hours that ended early Monday morning, a White House official said, making it the nation's biggest day of airlifts

JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

Aug 22: **7,95,543 doses**

Aug 23: **56,10,116 doses**

TOTAL DOSES 58,82,21,623

NATIONWIDE	AUG 22	AUG 23
Fresh cases	30,948	25,072
Recoveries	38,487	44,157
Deaths	403	389

KARNATAKA	AUG 22	AUG 23
Fresh cases	1,189	1,151
Recoveries	1,456	1,442
Deaths	22	10

PM hears out Nitish's caste census pitch

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna/Delhi

AN all-party delegation led by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar that met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday demanding caste census, was interesting in many ways as it was loaded with symbolism.

Midway through the meeting, Modi asked RJD's Tejashwi Yadav about the health of his father Lalu Prasad Yadav. "How is the health of Lalu Prasadji? I had spoken to doctors when he was ill," sources in the delegation quoted Modi as enquiring. Tejashwi reciprocated the warmth, saying he has improved but is not completely cured.

Sensing the attempt to build personal chemistry, Nitish reportedly told the PM that the delegation was

Nitish Kumar (R) bonding with Tejashwi Yadav in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

Tejashwi's idea. "Nitish's next gesture came outside the PMO," source said, as he not only was seen having a relaxed chat with Tejashwi after the meeting but also asked him (Tejashwi) to speak to the media.

For much of his current tenure as CM, Nitish has had a frosty relationship with Tejashwi. "Their newfound political chemistry is intended to keep the BJP in check," a senior NDA leader said, requesting anonymity.

When the media sought to probe their bonding, Nitish responded with just a smile. Observers opined that Mandal Part-II was unfolding, which could blossom into a realignment between the JD(U) and RJD later. "The PM patiently heard us all on the issue of the caste census... We requested him to take an appropriate decision," Nitish said.

The meeting came amid OBC consolidation with elections to five states barely six months away. The Centre's statement on July 20 saying it had taken a policy decision not to do caste census had triggered the uproar.

Jewel thieves open fire, kill 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

A gang of four armed robbers, who had robbed a jewellery shop in broad daylight, shot and killed a youth passing by the shop, in Mysuru on Monday.

The criminals, who came on two motorbikes, barged into Amruth Gold and Silver Palace at Vidyaranyapuram around 4.45 pm. They closed the shutters, tied Dharmendra, who was managing the shop, and emptied all jewellery boxes into a bag. P7

As per rules, vehicles with registration numbers of other states cannot ply beyond 11 months from the date of change of ownership
Transport Dept official

The super luxury Rolls-Royce which was impounded in Bengaluru

Big B's Rolls-Royce, driven by 'Salman Khan', seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TRANSPORT department officials on Sunday stumbled upon a Rolls-Royce Phantom, which was earlier owned by Amitabh Bachchan. But documents were not changed to the name of a realtor, who had purchased the vehicle from the actor.

The transport department conducted a special drive against luxury cars and seized seven vehicles for non-payment of taxes and not carrying relevant documents.

The operation was conducted near UB City on Vittal Mallya Road on Sunday evening. "The Rolls-Royce Phantom car bearing a Maharashtra registration number was stopped for checking. The driver, who introduced himself as Salman Khan, failed to produce documents and said that his father had bought the car from Bachchan.

The car was still in the name of the actor and the current owner had not transferred the car ownership to his name, though it was bought in 2019," a transport department official said.

Further probe revealed that the car has been bought by Yusuf Shariff alias D Babu, who runs Umrah Developers.

"As per rules, vehicles with registration numbers of other states cannot ply beyond 11 months from the date of change of ownership," the official added.

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EXPRESS READ

NHRC issues notices to Centre, Assam, Mizoram

Guwahati: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued notices to the Centre, Assam and Mizoram over the deadly border clash between the two Northeastern states in July.

Army clears way to promote 5 women officers to Col rank

New Delhi: An Army selection board has cleared the way for promotion of five women officers to colonel rank after they have completed 26 years of "reckonable service", the Defence Ministry said on Monday. P11

FM sets Sept 15 as deadline for Infy to fix portal issues

New Delhi: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday conveyed to Infosys CEO Salil Parekh that the glitches in the new income tax filing portal should be resolved by September 15. P14

BOUNTIFUL YIELD?

Sowing hits a high in State, farmers sceptical of good returns

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IT is bumper sowing in Karnataka this year, with crops being cultivated in 70.04 lakh hectares, which is 90.96 per cent of the targeted 77 lakh hectares of agricultural land

The big spurt in farming activity is due to good rainfall and also Covid restrictions, which have made many people from cities return to villages. While officials are hoping for a bountiful yield, farmers are sceptical about getting good returns for their produce as the demand and price goes down when the markets are glutted with foodgrains.

This is the first time since the 1990s that the State has seen sowing operations in over 70 lakh hectares. In many intervening years, it has been as low as 50 lakh hectares due to scanty rainfall. Data available with The New Indian Express reveals that as of August 21, in rain-fed areas, sowing had been completed in 54.52 lakh hectares as against the available 56.5 lakh hectares, making it 96.49 per cent coverage.

During the same duration last year, the sowing operation was 68.66 per cent, which officials had said was good. This year, however, it is even better, they added.

Data shows that of the seven districts that have notched up over 100 per cent of targeted sowing, six are from North Karnataka -- Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Haveri, Gadag and Dharwad. Udupi is the only other district from the coastal area with the distinction. Chitradurga has witnessed 99.86 per cent, while Belagavi and Vijayapura have recorded 97.68 and 94.74 per cent, respectively.

The higher coverage also means that lands that were not farmed earlier are now being cultivated. P6

It is first time since the 90s that Karnataka has seen sowing operations in over 70 lakh hectares | UDAYSHANKAR S

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• **Tuesday:** 24.08.2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna
• **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Sravana • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Dwitheeya 4.14 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Purvabhadra 8.53 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Isolated tstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.35 pm
Moonrise 10.11 pm
Moonset 7.35 am

Students at a government high school get their temperature checked before classes start, in Bengaluru on Monday. Right: A class in progress at the Government PU College in Malleswaram. All schools ensured that students follow Covid protocol like wearing masks and maintaining social distance | VINOD KUMAR T, SHRIRAM BN

Schools open, students still wary

Some institutions to reopen next week; holding offline, online classes together a big challenge

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

CITY schools responded in a lukewarm manner to the reopening of schools and PU colleges for Classes 9 to 12 on Monday. While sources from the education department and private schools associations claimed that the average attendance was 50 per cent, a number of schools put off reopening till later this week, or the first week of September.

Schools are still working out how to simultaneously run online and offline classes, as the department has said that online classes need to be in place for students who cannot attend physical classes.

As per department statistics, in Bengaluru Rural, 26 per cent of the 15,460 Class 9 students and 33.23 per cent of 15,174 Class 10 students attended offline classes.

In Bengaluru North, 8.50 per cent of 52,489 Class 9 students and 11.52 per cent of 53,619 Class 10 students were present. In Bengaluru South, 14.30 per cent of 76,558 Class 9 students and 16.70 per cent of Class 10 students went to school.

As for Class 12 students, the figures were 32 per cent of 42,006 students in Bengaluru North, 44 per cent of 48,291 students in Bengaluru South, and 78 per cent of 9,605 students in Bengaluru Rural.

Sanjeev Narrain, secretary, RBANM's Educational Charities, told *TNIE* that the institute, which caters mostly to low-income students from Ulsoor Lake area, saw 50 per cent attendance. Simultaneous online and offline classes will be tried this week, he said, adding that holding classes in both modes will be a burden on teachers.

Canadian International School will reopen Classes 10 and 12 next week and Classes 9 and 11 in the second week of September, but with shorter schedules, said its managing director Shweta Sastri. The school is planning to hold lessons for Classes 10, 12 and 9, 11 on alternative weeks.

The Smt Kamalabai Educational Institution will open classes in the first week of September. "A buffer of one week is given to parents to get vaccinated. Students whose parents are vaccinated will be allowed to attend offline classes," said principal Mousumi Basu.

Several students expressed excitement on attending offline classes. "I am seeing my friends after nearly two years. I will come to school again tomorrow," said Jayasheela, a Class 10 student of BBMP Girls' High School and PU College, Dispensary Road.

A group of boys studying in Class 11 at a private college in Whitefield were a bit disappointed with offline classes, finding them "boring" with just a few students in class.

ATTENDANCE CALL

	Class 9	Class 10	Class 12
Bengaluru Rural	26	33.23	78*
Bengaluru North	8.50	11.52	32
Bengaluru South	14.30	16.70	44

Source: Education Department
* Figures in percentage

To avoid traffic mess, govt asks IT firms to WFH till Dec 2022

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

WITH Metro construction work set to start on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), the state government has called upon IT Parks located along this stretch to extend the ongoing Work From Home (WFH) period up to December next year, or stagger the work hours for those coming to office. Presently, many companies have the WFH option till October or December this year.

The ORR, which hosts more than 800 companies with a workforce of 1.5 lakh IT professionals, is infamous for its perennial traffic congestion.

An advisory on this was issued by E V Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT, BT & Science and Technology, to the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) on August 21.

"The Directorate of Urban Land Transport and the Urban Development Department proposed the move to us to prevent traffic congestion. Hence, the advisory has been issued. It is not mandatory, but we have advised them to extend the WFH," Reddy told *The New Indian Express*.

"The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL) is starting construction works on the ORR from Central Silk Board to KR Puram and it could take about 1.5 to 2 years. The ORR houses many large tech parks and IT campuses and carries a large amount of traffic throughout the day," the letter said. It will be extremely difficult to manage traffic movement on ORR if IT companies resume work from office, it added.

The advisory urged IT companies to extend the WFH option till December 2022 and/or IT companies to stagger the work hours for those employees working physically at office. "The IT workforce who need to physically attend office are encouraged to take buses (BMTC/company) as they travel on bus lanes," it added.

Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development, Rakesh Singh said that the public need to bear with some inconvenience due to the work. "We will do our best to mitigate it by completing our projects before the deadline."

Responding to the communication, Outer Ring Road Companies Association consultant Krishna Kumar Gowda said, "Our understanding is that the government is going to issue a revised statement following questions they have received on the advisory. We are waiting for the revised statement and will respond to that."

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Health Minister K Sudhakar inspect the the OPD at Kidwai Memorial Institute in Bengaluru on Monday

INFOSYS FOUNDATION OPENS OPD AT KIDWAI

BENGALURU: A 75,000 sqft, multi-disciplinary Outpatient Department (OPD) was opened at the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru on Monday. The block was the initiative of Infosys Foundation and was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, in the virtual presence of foundation chairperson Sudha Murty. Built at a cost of Rs 25.5 crore, the OPD will cover 12 departments and aims to accommodate nearly 1,800 patients daily. "This is a small effort by the foundation to ensure that people have access to clean, hygienic, and timely medical intervention, especially at a time when we are engulfed by a pandemic," Sudha Murty said. **ENS**

Seven luxury cars seized during drive

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"BUT the car had exchanged hands in February 2019. It is found that the actor had sold the car for Rs 6 crore and the letter signed by him was produced by Babu. He has been asked to produce all valid documents and further action will be initiated if he fails to produce the documents," the official added.

During the drive, seven luxury cars, like Porsche, Land Rover, and Jaguar that were parked near UB City, were seized. They were impounded for plying without paying taxes, not having valid documents and insurance.

It was found that most of the vehicles had no valid insurance and five were registered in Puducherry, where road tax is less. On Monday, owners of three vehicles produced documents and renewed their lapsed insurance, the official said.

EXPRESS READ

SC panel sets up help centre for Karanth Layout allottees

Bengaluru: The Supreme Court-appointed Justice A V Chandrasekhar Committee for the Dr K Shivaram Karanth Layout has set up a help centre at the BDA head-office on Kumara Krupa Road. It will start functioning from Wednesday and remain open till September 9, the deadline for submitting documents. According to an official release, all documents and applications pertaining to buildings and houses constructed in the layout before August 3, 2018, can be submitted here. **ENS**

Rlys honours keyman for saving boy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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BENGALURU Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh on Monday felicitated keyman Kawadi Manjappa and senior section engineer (Pathway Department) Alok Ranjan Das for saving a nine-year-old boy who had fallen from a moving train onto the railway tracks.

The boy had fallen from the Hassan-Yesvantpur DEMU train in the mid-section between D Samudravalli and Shanthigrama stations along the Hassan-Bengaluru section around 3 pm on August 22. His parents travelling with him were not aware about it.

The boy had suffered head injuries. The keyman immediately took him to the government hospital after the train stopped at Shanthigrama station. He also informed the station master there and his superior Das, the release added. Das asked all on-duty station managers to make announcements about it at each station. The parents heard about it and alighted at Thippasandra railway station, more than 100 km from where the boy fell down.

Bengaluru DRM Shyam Singh felicitates keyman Kawadi Manjappa on Monday

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

24th August: We all know why when we drop something it falls to the ground. Well, yes, it's gravity! But what actually makes things heavy, including the stars and planets? Well, apparently it's the Higgs Boson. We've just spent ten years and a small fortune looking for it and now we have plenty of evidence! But what about the graviton? More later!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Partners are still labouring under powerful planetary influences and might therefore feel rather nervous about the future. They may also have subjected you to one or two unfair criticisms. You should be strong enough to brush these aside.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You are noted for your reliability and consistency, yet greater flexibility in your dealings with intimate partners will not come amiss. Your timing must be impeccable if you are to recognise the appropriate times to give way. As from tomorrow, your family affairs take a higher priority, so be prepared.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Social trends remain positive but you may now begin to feel that work and chores deserve to take more and more of your time. In other words, you will do well by retaining a thoroughly practical attitude. In fact, you'd better do so over the next four days.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Today's stars are excellent if you are planning any practical discussions and meetings, partly because you'll be ahead of the game. The Moon's position could hardly be more favourable for reaching solutions which are at once sensible and a welcome change from the past.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
According to the fast-moving lunar cycle, the best way to use your time today and tomorrow is to settle your accounts, dealing with all outstanding bills and debts. Otherwise you may miss an opportunity which will not come round again for another three or four weeks.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may be feeling slightly wobbly, emotionally, over the next two to three days. I say this so that you may be aware of any sudden fluctuations in your mood and be in a position to mitigate any adverse effects on your personal relationships. You'll be in a strong position, by the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Secrecy is a necessity at those periods when other people are just not ready to listen to what you have to say. You may keep your feelings to yourself if that is what the current times demand. After all, in many respects this is a moment for action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is a great deal going on behind the scenes. Perhaps you feel that if you continue to implement your plans discreetly, you will avoid the opposition that might be aroused if other people knew what you were doing. Once you achieve a balance between your interests and other people's desires, you'll be much happier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You have worked so hard to build up a sense of trust that you don't want anyone to get the idea that you are about to betray their confidence. Therefore, please do be sure to keep everyone informed about plans in which they are involved. After all, if they don't know what you're up to they can't give you their support!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Communication and travel plans are now well to the fore, but a great deal depends on the results of recent initiatives. You must be decisive and see to it that all loose ends are tied up - for good. Otherwise you won't be ready to seize next month's offers and opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Please pay attention to your financial affairs and make extra efficiency your goal. It's not often realised that you can be surprisingly business like if only you would accept current realities. The end of the week brings your best chance to take long-term decisions - and make them stick.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You're in a mystical mood this year. Remember that this is a period when it is your noble aspirations and higher principles which must be your guiding light. A great deal of inspiration will also be derived from contacts with distant cultures and people from far away.

THE PHANTOM

NOWADAYS, MIDNIGHT TURNS OUT TO BE A LATE START WHEN BREAKING INTO GRAVELINES!
I WONDER IF THEY PLAN TO HAVE A GUARD POSTED AT EVERY CORNER BETWEEN ME AND WHERE I WANT TO GO?

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

TODAY THE BOSS TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT TO MY SALARY
HOW WONDERFUL, DEAR!
HOW MUCH WILL THE ADJUSTMENT BE?
FIFTY DOLLARS
WELL, HONEY, A FIFTY-DOLLAR RAISE IS BETTER THAN NO RAISE AT ALL
IT ISN'T THAT KIND OF ADJUSTMENT

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

1			3					
	2	8		9				
3			7				6	2
				3			9	
8		1				3		6
	7			4				
9	3				2			8
				8		5	3	
					3			7

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

7	5	1	3	6	4	8	9	2
9	3	4	8	5	2	6	1	7
6	8	2	7	9	1	3	5	4
5	4	6	2	7	9	1	3	8
3	1	7	6	8	5	4	2	9
8	2	9	1	4	3	5	7	6
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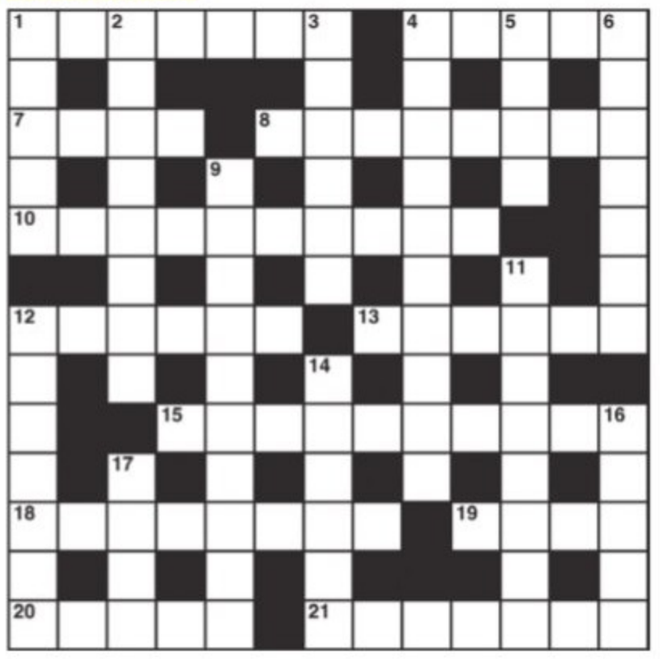
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Have the police party gone to the ship? (7)
4 Nearly everyone goes by taxi to the party (5)
7 It may define time spent at school (4)
8 Dog Latin as a composition (8)
10 Overbearing attitude of one surrendering? (10)
12 Spoil ten fresh flowers (6)
13 Permits any expressions of pain (6)
15 Accommodation one would normally want at a hotel (6,4)
18 Shortened game in these days (8)
19 It's drunk in the East Indies (4)
20 Father goes on foot for fruit (5)
21 Sudden blows and screams (7)

DOWN
1 Throw in a diamond as sales talk (5)
2 Try hard to get free labour (8)
3 Mum, listen for a change (6)
4 A bird goes by air; so do these (5,5)
5 I go in to bat at the end of the line (4)
6 They may take one round part of Queensland, Australia (7)
9 It just shows what you can get with money (4,6)
11 The loss in fuel is gigantic (8)
12 Make light of palm oil (3,4)
14 Consents but will be a long time coming round again (6)
16 Despatches a slim package (5)
17 Keep a firm hold on your luggage (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Fundamental, 9 Haimet, 10 Addle, 11 Reed, 12 Flamingo, 14 Prompt, 16 Assess, 18 Duettist, 19 Spar, 22 Syria, 23 Doublet, 24 Enthusiasts.

Down: 2 Unite, 3 Done, 4 Mettle, 5 Near miss, 6 Andante, 7 Chiropodist, 8 Demonstrate, 13 Spot cash, 15 Overrun, 17 Asides, 20 Pilot, 21 Puma.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DEOGD
SYETZ
KENDYO
DORNAP

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Is that the remote?
It's new and improved! I made it so we'll never lose it again.
Mom's going to love it.
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print the answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** ELDER BURRO ORNERY CANVAS
ANSWER: They re-paved the street leading to the hospital to make it a better – ROAD TO RECOVERY

The inauguration of the Mysuru Road-Kengeri Line has been rescheduled to 10.30 am on August 29. It was supposed to take place at 12 noon. Union Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will take part in the inaugural function at Kengeri Bus Terminal

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,151 CASES REPORTED TODAY

TODAY	29,39,767
YESTERDAY	29,38,616

1,189 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
10	22

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until August 23, 2021, a total of 29,39,767 cases have been reported in 1 year and 164 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
1,442	1,456

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	20,255
YESTERDAY	20,556

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.98%
YESTERDAY	7.00%

The day positivity rate – 1.08% – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.26%
YESTERDAY	1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.04%
YESTERDAY	98.03%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

270 BENGALURU URBAN

10 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	0
Ballari	4
Belagavi	12
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	5
Chikkaballapura	4
Chikkamagaluru	42
Chitradurga	18
Dakshina Kannada	236
Davanagere	1
Dharwad	0
Gadag	3
Hassan	115
Haveri	1
Kalaburagi	17
Kodagu	54
Kolar	7
Koppal	5
Mandya	32
Mysuru	76
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	1
Shivamogga	8
Tumakuru	44
Udupi	137
Uttara Kannada	42
Vijayapura	2
Yadgir	5

Fewer containment zones now as cases drop in city

Vaccine helped blunt Covid edge; tracing strategy kept numbers low

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

CONTAINMENT zones in Bengaluru have been on a steady decline, with the numbers dropping to 116 on Monday, from 176 on August 12.

Among the eight zones in the city, Mahadevapura had 49 active containment zones, the highest number. East Zone came second with 38 containment zones. However, BBMP War Room data shows that active containment zones have reduced to 27 in Mahadevapura, and 18 in East Zone.

West Zone and Rajarajeshwari Nagar have less than 10 containment zones each, with Dasarahalli not reporting even one. So far, the total number of declared containment zones in the city is 940, among which 824 have already been deactivated.

A zonal officer from Mahadevapura said, "With the number of cases reducing, containment zones are also coming down. Usually, we mark a containment zone when there are three or more cases in a particular area. Many cases were also being reported from apartment complexes. However, thanks to strict measures and isolation, the cases are reducing."

A South Zone health officer said that marshals have been deployed in the city to ensure people follow Covid-appropriate behaviour. "We haven't seen any major cluster cases in the past few weeks, which is a good sign," he added.

Health Commissioner Randeep D said, "The vaccine has reduced the severity of Covid. The effective tracing and containment strategy has helped keep the numbers low. Apartment complexes have been very cooperative and followed all guidelines."

CONTAINMENT ZONES IN CITY ON AUGUST 23

Zone	Declared	Deactivated	Active
Mahadevapura	194	167	27
South	142	118	24
Yelahanka	115	96	19
East	185	167	18
Bommanahalli	188	172	16
West	56	47	9
RR Nagar	31	28	3
Dasarahalli	29	29	0
TOTAL	940	824	116

CONTAINMENT ZONES IN CITY ON AUGUST 12

Zone	Declared	Deactivated	Active
Mahadevapura	189	140	49
South	125	99	26
Yelahanka	101	81	20
East	175	137	38
Bommanahalli	171	148	23
West	50	38	12
RR Nagar	29	22	7
Dasarahalli	29	28	1
TOTAL	869	693	176

Experts seek ICMR norms on booster dose

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THE medical community is of the opinion that the government needs to issue guidelines to ascertain whether a booster Covid vaccine dose is necessary or not.

Dr Ravindra Mehta, Senior Consultant and HoD, Pulmonology and Interventional Pulmonology at Apollo Speciality Hospitals, said that other countries have conducted studies and found that two vaccine doses are not enough to fight the Delta variant. "Hence, a booster dose may help," he added.

He said booster doses can be given to people who are immunocompromised, or have waning vaccine immunity, or are unable to mount an immune response despite two doses, etc. "There needs to be a strategy in place. We do not have sufficient data on vaccine immunity waning, time-gap before the booster dose, etc. The discussion right now is presumptive," he stated.

Dr Pruthu Narendra Dhekane, Consultant, Infectious Diseases, Fortis Hospitals, said the focus right now should be on 100 per cent vaccine coverage. "We should first try to give both the doses to people, then we can think about a booster dose," he said.

"In the UK, booster doses will be administered for healthcare workers and the elderly in September. However, in India, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has not come out with guidelines," said Dr Aravinda G M, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospitals.

"ICMR is likely to take a call after looking at data on reinfection, antibody titres, the prevalence found in the recent serosurvey and benefits of the first two doses. A booster dose will be needed if the existing two doses do not offer sufficient protection," the doctor added, and said the medical fraternity is divided over the subject.

Positivity rate dips below 7%

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These districts include Chitradurga, Udupi, Yadgir, Chikkamagaluru, Raichur, Mandya, Kodagu, Tumakuru, Bagalkot, Chikkaballapura, Hassan, Belagavi, Davangere and Gadag. In the last seven days, six districts have reported zero case fatality rates. On August 23 alone, 23 districts reported zero deaths. Another promising sign was that the positivity rate dipped below 7 per cent, touching 6.98 per cent.

After colleges reopen, over 600 students test positive in DK

DIVYA CUTINHO @Mangaluru

OVER 600 students in Dakshina Kannada -- mostly from neighbouring Kerala -- have tested positive for the coronavirus weeks after exams were conducted, and physical classes resumed in the district. As many as 29 institutions have been declared containment zones.

Dr Ashok, district nodal officer for Covid-19 in Dakshina Kannada, said many colleges have been served notices for their failure to follow Covid procedures and protocol during exams and offline classes. "Most of the students who appeared for examinations in the past few weeks, tested positive due to failure of some institutions to follow precautionary measures," he said.

The infected students are in quarantine in their respective hostels, some are in flats and a few in Covid Care Centres. As per data available with the health department, so far, 620 students have tested positive in the district. The department has asked some colleges to stop offline classes and continue with online lessons. "We have assigned those having a medical background only to monitor students in hostels, after many students who were primary contacts, were not quarantined. Students who were supposed to be in quarantine were using the common dinner room and were put in the same wing. One of the students who was asked to quarantine went home, and a case was lodged against the institution," said Dr Ashok.

Even as the third wave looms large, people continue to flout Covid rules by not wearing masks | EXPRESS

Meanwhile, Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner Dr Rajendra K V, during a review meeting on Monday, said that 600 to 900 students who produced RT-PCR negative reports have tested positive. "The college managements were found to be negligent, and if they don't follow proper quarantine period, FIRs will be filed," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST DOCUMENT

My Client Mr. PRASANNA B N, S/o Basavarajappa, Resident of No.2378/12, 13th Main A Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property. My client has lost the original Sale Deed dated 22/09/2017, executed by Landson Infrastructure and others in his favour, with respect to the schedule property, Registered as Document No: BNG(U)JALA 2046/2017-18, at the office of the sub registrar Jala.

My Client has Lodged a Police Complaint for lost Document on 17/08/2021 under acknowledgment issued by the Bangalore City Police, bearing SL No.31261, Lost Report No.0031261/2021.

If any person/s found the said sale deed please come forward with in a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 14 days from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No-18 Khata No 890/214/78/3/18, in the Gram Panchayat approved (Conversion No, ALN/SR/60/1995-96 Dated 24-01-1996) residential layout formed in the converted lands bearing Sy. No-78/3, situated at Bandikodigehalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and named as "GLOBAL AAKASH PHASE 2" East :26.8 Feet, West :22.2 Feet, and North: 40.03 Feet, South: 40 Feet total site measuring 1000 Sft bounded on that:

East By : Site No-7, West By : Road, North By : Private Land, South By : Site No-17

SANDEEP HEGDE, Advocate
Sanmarga Law Chambers
No. 71/11, 2nd Floor, 18th Cross, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010.
Mob: 89717 84550

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my clients **1) MR. B. MOHAMMED NASIR PASHA,** S/o Late Abdul Basheer, aged about 48 years, **2) MR. MOHAMMED SADIQ PASHA. B,** S/o Late. Abdul Basheer, aged about 42 years, both are residing at No. 231, 8th Main road, 1st 'B' Block, Jayanagar, Byrasandra, Bengaluru-560 011 have intends to purchase below mentioned Schedule Property from **SRI. MUNIANJENAPPA alias APPAYANNA,** S/o Late. Munishamappa alias Appaiah, aged about 70 years, and his wife Smt. Rathnamma, his children Smt. Bhagyamma, Sri. M. Srinivas, Smt. Shobha and Smt. Prabhavathi, all are residing at House No. 303, Bagalur Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore.

Any person/s having any objection/s regarding the said sale transaction may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within ten (10) days from the date of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural Dry land bearing **Sy. No. 104/1, Situated at Chagalatti Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, earlier Bangalore North additional Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 00-28.08 Guntas (Twenty Eight and Half Guntas)** and bounded on the **East by:** Land belongs to Anjanappa, **West by:** Land in Sy. No. 104/4 belongs to my clients, **North by:** Land in Sy. No. 106 belongs to my clients, **South by:** Land in Sy. No. 104/3 belongs to my clients.

Sd/- **B.V. MANJUNATHA,** Advocate
No. 5, 1st floor, GNR Complex, Nehru road, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560 084.
Cell No. 98860 57247/98452 15207

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to general public that my clients: 1. S.M.Vijay, S/o Late Munishami, aged about 48 years, 2. Narayanappa S/o Late Ramaiah, aged about 64 years, 3. Kaverappa S/o Late Ramaiah, aged about 62 years, 4. S.R. Narayanaswamy S/o late Ramaiah, aged about 54 years, 5. Muniraju S/o late Ramaiah aged about 53 years, 6. Nagaraju S/o Late Ramaiah, aged about 49 years, 7. Nagaraju S/o Late Marappa, aged about 55 years, 8. Muniramaiah S/o Late Kaverappa, aged about 75 years, 9. Muniyappa S/o Late Kaverappa, aged about 70 years, 10. S.C. Jayraj S/o Late Chikkamuniyappa, aged about 55 years, 11. Narayanappa S/o late Ramappa, aged about 70 years, 12. S.M.Muniraju S/o late Munithimmappa, aged about 57 years, 13. S.M. Manjunath S/o Late Munithimmappa aged about 53 years, 14. S.M. Mohan Babu S/o late Munithimmappa aged about 46 years, 15. Anjinappa S/o Late Muniyappa, aged about 60 years, 16. Krishnappa S.M. S/o Late Muniyappa, aged about 68 years, 17. Cheluvaraj S/o Late Muninagappa, aged about 50 years, 18. Lokesh S/o Late Muniyappa, aged about 35 years, 19. Rajappa S/o Late Narayanappa, aged about 45 years, all are residing at Sulikunte Village, Dommasandra Post, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District-562125 that my clients are absolute owners and in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property by virtue of regrant order vide HYA(S).504/1968-69 dated 27/11/1978 and as such they got khatha vide MR. No. 12/1987-88 and accordingly for their family and legal necessity, they have sold the schedule property in favour of **Sri. N.H. Bhaskar Reddy,** S/o Late N.H.P. Shiva Reddy, Aged about 51 years, R/at No.5, 9th Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102 under registered agreement of sale No.4391/2012-13 dated 27/11/2012 and also GPA Registered No.232/2012-13 dated 27/11/2012 for only period of 12 months for execution of sale deed from dated 27/11/2012 to pay the market value and also for conversion, 3 months has been fixed and accordingly after lapse of more than 10 years by way of breach of contract, my clients have cancelled the agreement of sale and GPA dated 27/11/2012 by issuing the legal notice dated 02/08/2021. So, the said N.H. Bhaskar Reddy has lost his right and accordingly no such person/s shall not deal with him, without knowledge of my client with respect to any transaction of schedule property, failing which, my clients are not responsible for the same and also if any illegal transactions took place, your only liable for the same and as such same are not binding on my clients. Hence, this public notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. 100, measuring 1 acre 27 guntas situated at Sulikunte Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by: Lands of Sy.No.95 and 101, West by: Sri.Mallaveerareddy land of Sy.No.104, North by: Sri.Munishami Reddy land of Sy.No. 99, South by: Sri.Lakkanna land of Sy.No. 103.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. 105, measuring 2 acres 6 guntas out of 6 acres 19 guntas situated at Sulikunte Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on: East by: Land of Sy.No. 99, West by: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 105, North by: Land of Sy.No. 98, South by: Remaining portion of Sy.No. 105.

M. SRINIVASAIAH, Advocate,
177/88, Shankar Building, Opp. Badavara Balaga School, 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560 002. M: 9845942689

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
No. 4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 025
FORM NO. 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))
DRC NO 432/2019

Union Bank of India, Gandhinagar Branch, Sevakshetra, #14, Ground Floor, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009 :Certificate Holder
-Versus - M/s. Shiva Industries & Another
: Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To, 1. M/s. Shiva industries No. 119/7, Nayanappanahalli, Near Rhyolite Apartment, Begur Post, Bengaluru-560 068. Represented by its Proprietor Sr.M.Sadashiva
2. Sri.M.Sadashiva, S/o Sri. Basavaraj M
R/at No.30, 2nd Cross, Someshwara Layout Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 076.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1198/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **28/05/2019** an amount of Rs. 20,35,642/- (Rupees Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A's till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay : a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 17th day of July 2019.

Sd/- (DEEPAINDUVANI.S) RECOVERY OFFICER-II, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below. "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **MR. NAJID PUTHIYAVEETIL,** S/o Mr. Abdul Majeed, residing at 'Puthiyaveetil House', P. O. Pazhuvil Kurumpilavu, Trissur.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Northern Portion of Site No.9, and Southern Portion of Site No.10,** both Situated at Billishivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now within the limits of BBMP, both site ad-measuring East to West **30 Feet** and North to South **40 Feet,** totally measuring **1200 Sq.ft** and bounded on East by Road, West by Private Property, North by Northern Portion of Site No.10 and South by Southern Portion of Site No.9.

Sd/- **K.R. Bharadwaj & Associates,**
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ
ಮುಕ್ತಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು-570 006.
{ಯು.ಜಿ.ಸಿ. ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ (F.No. 14-5/2018 (DEB-1), Dated : 14-08-2018)}

ರಜತ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ ವರ್ಷ 2021-22

ನಂ.ಕರಾಮುವಿ/ಡೀನ್(ಅ.ಕೇ)/ಕ.ಸ.ಕೇ/2216/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23-08-2021

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶದ ಅನುಸಾರ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಸಂಪ್ಯಶಾಇ 35 ಶಾಸನ 2020 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 19-06-2020) ದೂರಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದಾದ್ಯಂತ ನಡೆಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಏಕೈಕ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.
I.F.T.No:EE/PWD/VJP/PB/8443/2021-22/1565 Dated:23.08.2021
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)(E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) for 1 work as per standard bid documents KW-4 with Proposed Construction of Primary & Secondary School Building for KPS at Mamadapur Village, Babaleshwar Taluka of Vijayapur District. (8443-Deposit Contribution 2020-21). (Indent No. 136723) **costing of amount for Rs. 200.00 Lakhs,** the EMD amount as per Govt Order exempted (Contractor Should enclose EMD Declation in Declaration in priscribed format vide GO No. FD/675/Expenditure/12/2020 Bangalore Dated-11/12/2020). For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor seperately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as detarmaind by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows **1)** The Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors **Date:01.09.2021 @ 11.00 AM. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders **Date:07.09.2021 upto 4.30 PM. 3)** Opening of Technical Bid **Date:09.09.2021 at 11.00 AM. 4)** Opening of Financial Bid **Date:13.09.2021 at 11.00 AM.** Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) or office of the undersigned

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Vijayapur

DIPR/VIJAYAPUR/233/MCA/2021-22

STATE BANK OF INDIA
RACPC, Lalbagh Road
#73, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru – 560 027.
Tel No: 080-22114022 E.Mail:sbi.40690@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)
A/c.No.: HTL 37851424064

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **09.04.2021** and its Paper Publications dated 17.06.2021 "The New Indian Express and Kannadaparbha" calling upon the borrowers: **Sri. Goutham Mali** S/o Sri Pemaramji Mali, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.37,12,673/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three Only) as on 07.04.2021 and interest & expenses thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **21.08.2021.** The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India, for an amount of Rs.37,97,319/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninteen only) as on 17.08.2021 and further interest from 18.08.2021 costs, etc., thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Eastern portion of the site No.6, Katha No. 8/10/6, property No.8/P10, old property No.8, situated at Doddakanneli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under Bruhath Bangalore, Mahanagara Palike limits, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 40 feet all measuring 800 Sq. ft and bounded on the:East by : Site No.7, West by: Remaining portion of same site No.6, North by : Road, South by: Private property.

Date: 21.08.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC Lalbagh, Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
No. 4, Second Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road Bengaluru, Karnataka-560 025
FORM NO. 14 (See Regulation 33 (2))
DRC NO 56/2020

Union Bank of India, Gandhinagar Branch, Sevakshetra, #14, Ground Floor, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009 :Certificate Holder
-Versus - M/s. Shiva Kumar.S & Another
: Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To, 1. Sri. Shiva Kumar.S, S/o. Sri. Siddappa, Res at: No.184/3, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Brindavan Layout Mallasandra, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560 057.
2. Smt. Thulasi.N., W/o. Sri. Shiva Kumar, Res at: No.184/3, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Brindavan Layout. Mallasandra, T.Dasarshalli, Bengaluru-560 057.
Also at Both are also at: No.44, Nallugudiya. Durgenahalli, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural District-581 205

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA No **1280/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **23/01/2020** an amount of **Rs. 27,18,477.12/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven And Paise Twelve Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules. In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 12th day of Feb 2020.

Sd/- (DEEPAINDUVANI.S) RECOVERY OFFICER-II, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below. "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Authorised Officer's Details: **Name: Shri. Vinay Bhat** **E-mail ID: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in** **Mobile No: +91 9448946013** **Landline No.(office): 080-25943765**	**ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH** Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, 'A' Block, 2nd Floor, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560 009. Telephone: 080-25943765/25943769 E-Mail: **sbi.40564@sbi.co.in**

"APPENDIX –IV – A" [See Proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Date of Time E-Auction of Immovable Property : 09.09.2021 from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM
Last Date to Submit EMD with KYC : 08.09.2021 on or before 4.00 pm

A/c No. 64005602040
Smt. Dhoopa Devi Rai W/o Rampheri Rai
A) No. 686/2, 16th D Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560008
B) Prop: M/s. Shakti Metal Industries, # 421/1, 1st Floor, Krishna Temple Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560008
C) Flat No. 106, "CVK & ASR's Gangothri" No. 26, 10th Cross, Kodihalli, Bangalore 560008

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, ARMB, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **09.09.2021** for recovery of **Rs.29,52,416/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen only) as on 23.08.2021 +** interest+expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, ARMB, Secured creditor **Smt. Dhoopa Devi Rai W/o Rampheri Rai (Borrowers).** The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD) and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Property No	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	66,51,000/-	6,65,100/-	50,000/-	08.09.2021

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

Tender No: SBI/ARMB/DRS/01
Property - (Title deed Holder: Smt. Dhoopa Devi Rai W/o Rampheri Rai)

SCHEDULE – A

All that piece and parcel of the residential land comprised presently in Bangalore Bruhat Mahanagara Palike amalgamated/ clubbed Khata bearing No. 26, Situated at Kodihalli Gramathana, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring in all 6370 Sq. Ft.,and bounded on the: **East By :** Passage, **West By:** Property of Sri Patel, **North By:** Road, **South By:** Passage

SCHEDULE – B

241.68 Sq. Ft., Un-divided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule-A (i.e.,proportionate to the built-up area)

SCHEDULE – C

Flat No. 106, in First Floor, measuring 1137 Sq. Ft., Super Built up area, containing two bedrooms with RCC roofing,polished Vitrified flooring and good quality doors with aluminums windows, together with one covered car parking space including proportionate share in common areas in the Apartment known as "CVK & ASR's Gangothri" constructed on the Schedule A property.

For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH, TEL: 080-25943765/25943769 during office hours, or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Debt Recovery Squad, Bangalore or its representatives **Mr. M Z KHAN, Mob: 98458 74789 or Mr. NAYAZ BAIG Mob: 98455 29931,** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 23.08.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA, ARMB, Bengaluru

A 75,000 sqft, multi-disciplinary Outpatient Department (OPD) was opened at the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bengaluru on Monday. The bock was the initiative of Infosys Foundation and was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, in the virtual presence of foundation chairperson Sudha Murty

KARNATAKA LAUNCHES NEP, LEADS THE WAY FOR OTHER STATES

New policy will allow students to study subjects they're interested in, says Pradhan

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KARNATAKA became the first State in the country to launch the National Education Policy 2020 officially on Monday. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan virtually launched the admission module under NEP-2020 making Karnataka the first State to begin the admission process for graduates under the policy.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced free tablet PCs to students enrolling this year under NEP to encourage online learning, research and access. Dr Kasturirangan – the man behind NEP -- was felicitated at the launch on Monday and he was all praise for Karnataka and the chief minister for implementing the policy that is still surrounded by controversy.

NEP drafting committee chairman Dr K Kasturirangan (second from right), members MK Sridhar, Prof Kattimani and Prof Anurag Behar were felicitated in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

"Proud that Karnataka has taken a giant stride in transforming its education landscape by implementing NEP 2020. Karnataka is leading the way for all other states in the country. NEP will allow students to study the subjects they are interested in," said Pradhan, Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, launching the Unified University and College Management System (UUCMS).

"UUCMS will be used by private, government and aided colleges to register admission of students in a unified manner. NEP has officially come into force from today and we will ensure its implementation immediately," Bommai said, The launch comes on the day schools reopened offline classes for students of 9-12 Standards in the State.

Bommai also launched the NEP website and helpline (080-24486666) to assist students with any information on the policy.

To internationalise higher education, the department under Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan has signed an MoU with Pennsylvania's Montgomery Community College in the US.

GIVING A BOOST

State to come out with new R&D, digitisation policies

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THE State Government will soon launch new Research and Development (R&D) and digitisation policies, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced on Monday.

In his address during the launch of the National Educational Policy-2020 (NEP 2020) in the state, he said the government will launch the R&D policy to ensure synergy between R&D centres, educational institutions and the industry to encourage research and development in higher education. "I want synergy between students, institutions, R&D centres and industries. To help and aid the New Education Policy, we will have an R&D policy," he said.

> I want synergy between students, institutions, R&D centres and industries
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, CM

The CM said the NEP-2020 gives thrust to research and development and Karnataka is the best place to implement the education policy as well as bring in a new R&D policy as 180 internationally acclaimed R&D centres working in different fields are based in the state. The proposed R&D policy will be formulated to ensure synergy between such organisations and educational institutions, he stressed.

The CM also announced plans to launch a digitisation policy for the state. Digitisation is very important in education, administration and business and the state will bring a new digitisation policy to enhance network connectivity to link every village in the state, the CM said and sought suggestions and cooperation from experts to formulate and implement the new policy at the earliest. To help students with online education, the government will give tablets to first-year degree students this year, he added.

With the launch of the NEP, the state is liberated from the stagnant educational system and it has even inspired him to take up many new initiatives, he said. It gives confidence and creates an opportunity for students to explore their talents in various fields, he said and added that he is confident of successfully implementing the NEP in the state.

On implementation of NEP in Primary and Secondary Education, the CM said it will be launched in Kalaburagi after setting up the Primary and Secondary Education Council on the lines of the Higher Education Task Force. Implementation of the NEP and education will be given more prominence in the next budget, he added. Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh assured that the government will implement the task force recommendation for implementation of the NEP appropriately in Primary and Secondary education.

Cong assures Afghan students of all help

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THE Congress on Monday assured students from Afghanistan that it will provide all assistance to them. Speaking to reporters after interacting with a delegation of students from Afghanistan, who met him at his residence, KPCC president DK Shivakumar said the students are worried about their families back home. "We will try to instil confidence in them and assure them of all assistance," he said.

The students informed Shivakumar about the situation in their country. "I came with great dreams of studying here and going back to work for our country and people. But suddenly everything changed. We lost everything and our future is uncertain," said a student.

The students informed Shivakumar that their families do not feel safe and people are trying to get out of the country.

Council members finally get Rs 600 crore local area development funds

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

TWO years after the local area development fund for members of the Legislative Council was suspended owing to the pandemic situation, the State Government has released about Rs 600 crore towards the scheme.

The LAD funds have been released to all the 75 members of the Upper House ahead of the zilla and taluk elections. Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti, who had been making a strong pitch for it, told The New Indian Express, "There is a need for the legislators to access these funds, considering that the ZP and TP elections are round the corner. The government has released the funds after I intervened."

Congress MLC B K Hariprasad too confirmed that the funds have been released.

Nominated member Mohan Kondaji said, "Local bodies across the state send members to the Council and many of them have been under pressure to deliver. Elections to 25 seats in the Council are also due in four months' time and these funds are very important for them. The previous chief minister, B S Yediyurappa, had promised to release funds, but could not due to the economic situation. The release of funds has come a welcome relief to the legislators."

Council member P R Ramesh, who was earlier Bengaluru mayor, said, "I am awaiting official confirmation on the release of funds." He said the district deputy commissioners need to inform the Council members about the funds release. "Earlier, the government used to release the funds every three months, but from the time of the pandemic in 2019, the funds were not released regularly. Considering the ZP and TP elections, there is a need for these much-needed funds. I welcome the move."

Corpn in Narayana Guru's name soon

ENS @Udupi

THE State Government will set up the Brahmashree Narayana Guru corporation, named after the social reformer who gave a voice to backward classes. Kannada and Culture Minister V Sunil Kumar said that he has held talks with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in this regard and an announcement on setting it up will be made soon.

Speaking to reporters here after participating in the state-level Sri Narayana Guru Jayanthi (167th birth anniversary) programme on Monday, Sunil Kumar said the composition, scope and role of the corporation will be discussed in the coming days. "Along with the celebration of birth anniversaries of various iconic personalities, our ministry aims to chalk out plans to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence to boost patriotic passion among the younger generations," he said.

Regarding the ongoing debate over reducing the duration of the Naadageethe (state anthem), he said, "There is no uniformity in the rendition time of the state anthem. The music and the rhythm in which it is rendered also differs from place to place. The portrait of 'Thayi Bhuvaneshwari' also varies in its depiction from one place to another and we will take all these issues to a logical end soon." To a query on adoption of smart prepaid electricity meters, in his capacity as Energy minister, Sunil Kumar said a final decision has not yet been taken.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai greets Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka in Bengaluru on Monday. Bommai held a high-level meeting with Justice Oka on several issues pertaining to the judiciary, in matters of official appointments, structural works and other issues. The Chief Justice was accompanied by Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Justice B V Nagarathna, Justice Arvind Kumar and Justice Alok Aradhya, and High Court registrar T G Shivashankar Gowda. Advocate-General Prabhuling Navadgi was also present. Bommai was accompanied by Chief Secretary Ravi Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary ISN Prasad and other senior officials, at Kumara Krupa Guesthouse.

Village stay of DCs likely to make a comeback

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IF everything goes according to plan, the State Government will restart its ambitious project of making deputy commissioners and other top district officials stay at villages overnight and resolve issues of villagers on the spot. Revenue Minister R Ashoka initiated "Halli Kadege DC Nade" (DC's steps towards villages) in February 2021, announcing that it will be held every third Saturday of the month. In February, Ashoka stayed at a village in Doddaballapur taluk. Deputy commissioners, tahsildars and revenue officials visited 227 villages, listened to the woes of villagers and resolved their problems. In March, Ashoka stayed at a village near Hubballi. The initiative was an instant hit and legislators, who raised it on the floor of the House, too wanted to join the progamme. But it had to be stopped as the Covid second wave forced a lockdown. Ashoka said that with CM Basavaraj Bommai deciding to reopen schools offline in districts with Covid positivity rate of less than 2%, the programme could be restarted.

EXPRESS READ

BJP workers protest against Dhruvanarayan

Mysuru: BJP workers staged a protests against Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) working president R Dhruvanarayan for comparing the Taliban with the RSS. BJP workers, including MLA L Nagendra, joined the protest and were stopped from proceeding from the Metropole Circle to the Congress office. Police took them into custody when they tried to push barricades raising slogans against Dhruvnarayan. Meanwhile, Dhruvnarayan maintained that he stands by his statement. He said there is no representation for women in the RSS just like the Taliban.

Deploy officers for surprise checks, says Speaker

BENGALURU: The State Government should deploy officers to conduct surprise visits to schools to check if they are follow Covid-19 guidelines, Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said on Monday. Kageri, who had earlier served as primary and secondary education minister from 2008 to 2013, urged the government to evolve an action plan to develop immunity among children to ensure that they do not get affected by the novel coronavirus. "Let's not leave anything to chance. There should no scope for error in this campaign to develop immunity," a statement from Kageri's office read. He welcomed the government's decision to reopen schools. ENS

State has enough warehouses to store produce, says minister

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With another week left for sowing, officials expect the numbers to only go up. Last year, Karnataka produced 154 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains, while normally, it hovers around 130-140 lakh MT.

Prof Rajegowda, former registrar, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, said. "MSP has been fixed for ragi, wheat, red gram, groundnut, rice and other major crops. With MSP, farmers are sure to get good returns. The only concern is that rain should not hamper harvesting operations," he said.

Agriculture Minister BC Patil said, "We will procure crops at MSP. To some extent, it is true that higher the supply, lesser the demand. But the new APMC Act allows farmers to sell their produce in the open market, which will benefit them." Patil said the State has sufficient warehouses to store the procured produce. Last year, though the produce was 10% higher, farmers got a good price, he pointed out.

But farmer leader Kodihalli Chandrashekar expressed serious concerns over government's procurement policy and marketing. "Whether the produce is high or low, farmers are at the receiving end. If there is a drought or flood, they get less produce and less money. When the yield is good, they do not get a good price. In states like Punjab, if someone buys the produce for less than MSP, he or she can be jailed for two-and-a-half years. In Kanataka, MSP is a mere eyewash," he said.

A LONG WAIT

Six months on, no house for Mr Horatti

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SIX months after he was elected as chairman of the Legislative Council, JDS MLC Basavaraj Horatti is yet to be allotted an official residence in Bengaluru. The senior-most member of the council continues to stay in Legislators' Home (LH). Horatti told *TNIE* that he has been using the LH as his official residence.

There is no designated residence for the Council chairman. Past chairmen, including Pratap Chandra Shetty and D H Shankaramurthy, were allotted accommodation near Gandhi Bhavan. "It has been six months since I got elected. I have written several letters to the authorities concerned, including former CM B S Yediyurappa, former Law Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms officials. But nothing has been done so far," he rued.

"As Council chairman, I get many visitors. I cannot ask them to visit me at the Legislators' Home. It will cause disturbance to others. I, therefore, tell them to come to my chamber in Vidhana Soudha," he pointed out. There are, however, restrictions on entering the Vidhana Soudha. The seven-time MLC represents the Karnataka West Teachers' constituency and was elected chairman of the Council in February.

Sources in the DPAR said that most of the bungalows are occupied by ministers. Two of the bungalows are occupied by Jagadish Shettar and C P Yogeeshwara, who were ministers in the Yediyurappa Cabinet. "They are yet to vacate. We give the occupants two months' time to vacate. The file related to allotting accommodation for Horatti is before the CM... it is left to him to allot," an official said.

There are 23 government bungalows in Bengaluru that are allotted to the Chief Minister, cabinet ministers, Opposition leaders, judges and top government executives. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was allotted an official residence - #1, Race View Cottage - on Race Course Road recently, nearly 20 days after assuming office.

The Karnataka CM has no designated residence in the state capital. Over the years, however, CMs have either occupied 'Cauvery' or 'Anugraha' or bungalows elsewhere. Former CM B S Yediyurappa continues to use 'Cauvery' on Kumara Krupa Road as his official residence. According to sources, there is a shortage of houses for those holding Constitutional posts in the city.

WITH NO KEY OFFICER, MINES DEPT YET TO GET OFF STARTING BLOCK

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

WHILE the State Government is looking to boost industry, attract more investments and get the economy back on track, the crucial mining sector has remained directionless with the minister yet to appoint a private secretary. Halappa Achar took over as Mines and Geology Minister about 20 days ago, but his office is still not up and running fully and officials who need to send their e-files are confused about where to send them.

An industry observer said mining is one sector which can help kickstart the economy, considering the sluggishness that has resulted due to Covid.

Ministers need to have their offices going right from the word go, and a key figure is the private secretary, usually a bureaucrat, who supports the minister on all issues. An official said that the minister was appointed three weeks ago, but has not named a private secretary.

Sources said Achar had interviewed many bureaucrats for the role, which the minister too admitted. When contacted, he claimed he had already appointed an officer as private secretary, but did not give out any further details. He told TNIE, "I have appointed an officer, he will take charge soon, maybe even tomorrow." Achar has been allocated a room on the third floor of Vidhana Soudha. Some other officials pointed out that his office is not yet fully functional while, the offices of most other ministers are fully functional.

Achar said, "I wanted someone who is good and there were a lot of people exerting pressure advising me on whom to appoint. But I wanted to get the right person for the job," he said. Achar holds both the Mines and Geology and Women and Child Development portfolios. Tourism and Ecology Minister Anand Singh's office too is still not fully functional as most of the staff are yet to be appointed.

The State Government will soon launch new Research and Development and digitisation policies, CM Basavaraj Bommai announced on Monday. In his address at the launch of the NEP 2020, he said the government will launch the R&D policy to ensure synergy between R&D centres, institutions and industry

LETHAL LEAK

Snack unit boiler explodes, chars two workers to death

A police officer at the unit where a boiler burst in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAMBN

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TWO workers were charred to death, while three -- including two women -- suffered burns, following a boiler explosion at a condiments manufacturing unit, at Gopalapura on Magadi Main Road, on Monday afternoon.

The incident caused a loud bang which was heard throughout the locality. Fire and Emergency personnel rushed to the spot and doused the fire in a two-and-half-hour operation.

The deceased have been identified as Manish Kumar (21) and Sourav (20), from Bihar, while the injured are Dhanalakshmi (52), Shanti (40), and Sachin, who owns the unit. They were shifted to the burns ward of Victoria Hospital, and their condition is said to be critical, police said.

A senior police officer said that Sachin runs MM Food Products along with partner Vijay Mehta. It is reported that the facility had ignored safety measures during work hours.

The blast, which occurred around 1.30 pm, was so intense that it threw parts of machinery in different directions, shattering the ceiling. The FSL experts have found that a leak in the boiler could have caused the blast, however, it is investigating further. Meanwhile, Magadi Road police have booked the factory owner and manager for negligence. The unit is into manufacturing of snacks and other food products.

SIMILAR ACCIDENTS

- **July 2018:** Three engineers died due to asphyxiation, while another had a narrow escape, when they were checking a gas leak from a boiler at a medical equipment factory at Harohalli Industrial area in Kanakapura.
- **April 2017:** Two workers were charred to death after an accidental fire broke out in a furniture unit at Old Guddadahalli on Mysuru Road. Goods worth a few lakhs were gutted, while 10 members of a joint family were rescued by firemen.
- **April 2016:** A 28-year-old woman was charred to death, while four others escaped with burns, after a fire broke out at a chemical godown in Seegehalli Gate on Magadi Road. The godown owner had allegedly stocked chemicals there illegally.

Wife fled with ₹4 cr, alleges sexagenarian

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 65-year-old man has lodged a complaint against his estranged wife, accusing her of cheating him to the tune of Rs 4 crore, after promising to withdraw legal cases filed against him.

The businessman, a resident of DVG Road in Basavanagudi, had married the Pune-based woman in 1984. The couple have had differences for the past four years and live separately. According to the businessman's complaint, his 60-year-old wife had filed four cases against him. Two were related to alimony filed in a Maharashtra court and the family court in Bengaluru, while two other civil cases were filed in the city civil court.

"After discussions, the couple mutually agreed that the woman would withdraw the four cases if he paid her Rs 4 crore. She had also given it in writing to court. Accordingly, he had drawn up two Demand Drafts of Rs 2 crore each, and handed them to her. However, she did not appear for the court proceedings on August 18. The court summoned her to appear on August 19, but she was again absent. The husband lodged a complaint with us on Saturday. We have booked the woman for cheating, criminal breach of trust and other charges, and are investigating," Basavanagudi police said.

JEWEL STORE ROBBERS STILL AT LARGE

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DHARMENDRA'S uncle, who came to the shop around 5.15 pm, said, "I saw four men running out of the jewellery shop. I do not have enmity with anyone and it was the first time I saw them."

As soon as the robbers came out of the shop, they opened fire. Chandru (23), a resident of Dadadahalli, who was near the shop, sustained bullet injuries and died en route to hospital.

While several onlookers said Chandru had gone to the shop to make a purchase, the police maintained that he was just passing by. A few others also said that the robbers opened fire at Chandru when he tried to catch them.

Vidyaranyapuram police along with the dog squad rushed to the spot. City Police Commissioner Dr Chandragupta and DCP Geetha Prasanna too visited the spot.

"The value of jewellery stolen is not known yet. We will record the statement of Dharmendra soon," said Chandragupta. The cops have accessed the CCTV footage and released photos of two suspects and have appealed to the public to give any information about the gang.

Police personnel at the jewellery shop in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Car catches fire, 3 escape

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TENSION gripped the Cauvery Theatre junction in Sadashivanagar, after a compact SUV, which was being driven by a private firm employee, caught fire.

It is suspected that an electrical short circuit in the car's battery led to the mishap. Apart from the car's owner K Uday Kumar, who was driving the car, his wife and a relative were with him. No casualties have been reported.

A senior police officer said that the car was just a week old, and was heading towards Yelahanka. The video of the incident went viral, with onlookers blocking traffic.

Bizman accuses 'mediaperson' of extortion, petitions city police chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A businessman has submitted a petition to the city police commissioner, accusing a man who allegedly claimed that he had worked with several media houses, of extorting Rs 15 lakh by threatening to file false cases.

Sanjay, a resident of Rajajinagar, in his petition to Commissioner Kamal Pant, on Monday stated that he had given Rs 1.50 crore to Yousuf, a resident of Malleswaram 7th Cross, and alleged that a certain Hemanth had said he would get Yousuf to return the money. "On August 11, Hemanth asked me to come to Yousuf's house. When I went there, Hemanth told me he would convince Yousuf to return Rs 1.50 crore, but demanded Rs 20 lakh to settle the matter. He threatened me that if I didn't pay up, he would ask Yousuf to file fake criminal cases against me," Sanjay alleged.

"I immediately arranged Rs 15 lakh and gave it to Hemanth. He threatened that if the remaining Rs 5 lakh was not paid, he would have me sent to jail as he had worked with a regional news channel and had contacts with senior police officers. He also told me he was close to the Home Minister. He had connived with Yousuf. There is a possibility that Yousuf may flee to Dubai, so action should be taken against them," he requested.

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E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender No.: BS4/017600/2021/TNCSC/21-22/ET- 17
Dated: 24.08.2021

Online e-tender invited for **"THE PURCHASE OF 934 Bales of 5 PLY JUTE TWINE (WEIGHING 185 kg. NETT PER BALE)" as per specification.**

Complete e-Tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc** and also available in **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.

For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED. **Phone : (044) - 25222842 / 25251910 / 25261005 e-mail : mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in**

Last Date for Online Submission : 06.09.2021

DIPR/2491/Tender/2021 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CELL SCIENCE, (NCCS) PUNE
(An Autonomous Institution of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.)
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Advt.No.- NCCS/PMC/P-05/Online/2021
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Applications are invited for different positions to be filled purely on temporary basis at NCCS on extra mural projects.

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Director, NCCS

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TENDER NOTICE No.RWF/S/P1/008/2021-22 dt 21.08.2021

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic Tenders from Interested Vendors for supply of the following items on the Indian Railways **E-Portal – www.ireps.gov.in.** The Tender documents and the Corrigenda to the Tenders, if any, will be available on the Portal only.

Tender No	Due Date	Short Description	Qty
P1211219B	06-SEP-21	Graphite Mould Blanks 1097 mm dia X 575 mm height as per RWF specification	18 Nos
P1211551	09-SEP-21	Phosphate Easter Fire Resistant Hydraulic Fluid to: 1) Hisafe DR 46 of M/S Hard Castle & Waud Manufacturing Co.Ltd. 2) Servo Fyress HFDR 46 of M/S.Indian Oil Corportion Ltd. 3) Houghto Safe 1120 of M/S. D.A. Stuart India Pvt Ltd.	4200 litres
P1211566	13-SEP-21	Graphite Electrode With Preset Nipple as per RWF specification	412 MT
P1211550	13-SEP-21	Asbestos Gasket as per RWF Specification	254863 Nos
P1211568	13-SEP-21	Clay Graphite Stopper as per RWF specification & Drg	190193 Nos
P1211323B	15-SEP-21	Air Setting Mortar (Super 3000)as per RWF specification	2000 kgs
P1211322A	15-SEP-21	Veegum Granules as per RWF specification	100 kgs
P1211517	22-SEP-21	Silica Sand-45 AFS as per RWF Specification	1500 MT

Principal Chief Materials Manager

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Stores and Purchase Department, Shanthinagar,
Bengaluru - 560 027. Phone: 080-22952009, Fax: 080-22952545
E-mail: cosp@mybmtc.com Website: www.bmtc.in

No. BMTC/COSP/STR/SSD/255/2021-22 **Date: 23-08-2021**

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Scrap Vehicles available at BMTC will be sold through e-Auction to be conducted by **M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking).** The e-Auction schedule is as under:-

1) Scrapped Vehicles Date of e-Auction : 15-09-2021

The interested Bidders may log on to **www.mstcecommerce.com** for further details and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., at below mentioned address for needful clarification.

Address: M/s. M.S.T.C. LTD., No.19/5, 19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunningham Road, Bangalore - 560052. Contact No.: **080 - 22260054, 22266417, 22287356,** Fax No.: **080-22256365,** BMTC Contact Phone Nos: **+91 7760991159 / 7760991157.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	Borrower: 1. Mrs. Bhavani Shamanna, W/o Manjunath P 2. Mr. Manjunath P, S/o Papaiah #35/3, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Ganesha Block, R.T.Nagar, Ward No-32, Bangalore – 560032 Office Address:- M/s Manjunath Hardware, Proprietor :- Mrs. Bhavani Shamanna, # No.708, Hesarghatta Main Road, Mallasandra Bangalore - 560015. Mortgagor:- Mrs. Bhavani Shamanna	a) 03.09.2018 b) 19.11.2018 c) Rs.2,15,81,658.00 plus Unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 12.09.2021 Between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m b) 14.09.2021 between 1.00 p.m to 5.00 p.m	a) Rs.5,36,00,000/- b) Rs.53,60,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-

Description of Immovable Property : TITLE/ SALE DEED NO:- 5762/2013-14, dt:- 27.03.2014. All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.12, Property No.42, Ward No.46, Papaiah Garden, Situated at Matadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and Measuring East to West : 118'feet and North to South :- 42.3' Feet in all measuring 4991.4 SQFT and Bounded on the :- East by :- 'C' Property No.13 belong to Sri.P.Venugopal, West by :- 'B' Property No.11 belongs to Sri P.Krishnappa, North by :- Property belongs to children of Late Narayanappa, South by :- 22' Feet Road, IN THE NAME OF : Mrs.BHAVANI SHAMANNA.

A/C No.: 06230210000915 IFSC Code : UCBA0000623
Mr. Bachan Kumar Singh - Mobile No-9945049483, Mr. Atul Kumar Sinha - Mobile No-7080945240

Details of known encumbrances : Not Known
TERMS & CONDITIONS:
1. Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and conditions of the sale is available/published in the following websites/web portal : I) https://ibapi.in, II) https://mstcecommerce.com/
2. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the authorized Offices, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website. https//www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. on Date 14.09.2021 from 1.00 p.m to 5.00 p.m.
5. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and to make self-bid and participate in the auction.
6. The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 23.08.2021

Authorised Officer UCO Bank

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEGHNA GUPTA, D/o RAM SARAN GOYAL and W/o RISHABH GUPTA,** residing at- 1016, Sobha Primerose, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bengaluru - 560103, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from HURUPAMA GOYAL alias HURUPAMA GUPTA to MEGHNA GUPTA vide affidavit dated 14.8.2021 sworn before Notary K.V. MANI at Bengaluru. Henceforth, I shall be known as **MEGHNA GUPTA** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIKHA SWAROOP SINHA,** spouse / Dependent / NOK of ATISH KUMAR SINHA resident of 145/1, 6th Camp, Air Force Station, Jalahalli East, Bangalore, Karnataka have changed my name from **SHIKHA SWAROOP SINHA** to **SHIKHA SWARUP,** vide Affidavit Dated 21-08-2021 Before Advocate and Notary **S Prakash,** Reg No. 7865/09, Bangalore, Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAVITHA S** is legal wife of No: **15316864Y RANK : EX SPR Name : RADHA KRISHNAN K,** Residing at 2/120-R1, CSI Compound, Melachathiram, Thalakulam Road, Paramakudi,Ramanathapuram, Tamilnadu-623707, declared that the date of birth **08-03-1984 and 06-03-1983** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 13-08-2021 sworn before notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) LALITHA MUTHUKUMAR,** W/o V.S.Muthukumar, residing at No. 53, Flat No. 301, Jaya Homes Subramanya Temple Street 2nd Cross Subbanapalya, Bengaluru-560033, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LALITHA MUTHUKUMAR** to **(NEW NAME) LALITHAMBAL SIVABABU** vide affidavit dated 23/08/2021 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANIK TIWARY** S/o. Kinchan Kumar Tiwary R/a # LIG-3, Block-2, #307, Surya City, Chandapura, Bangalore City. Declare That My Father's Correct Name is **KINCHAN KUMAR TIWARY** But Wrongly Mentioned as **KINCHAN TIWARY** in My Mark Sheet of Class X, Vide Affidavit Dated: 18.08.2021 Before Notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore-50.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ashwathy Muralidharan,** D/o N. Muarlidharan, Aged about 19 years, R/a J-201, J Block, Nehru Nagar, Shivanahalli, Jakkur, Bengaluru 560064, declare that all the names i.e., **ASWATHI MURALIDHARAN and** ASHWATHY MURALIDHARAN are one and the same, belongs to me only, have changed/corrected my name from **ASWATHI MURALIDHARAN** to **ASHWATHY MURALIDHARAN.** Hereinafter I will be known and called as **ASHWATHY MURALIDHARAN** only, vide affidavit dated 23.08.2021, sworn before Sri Lakshminarayana, Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sri. Venkatesh. K,** aged about 40 years, S/o Krishnappa, Residing at # 71, Anugondanahalli, Kadugodi, Bengaluru-560067. Hereby declare that, I have changed my minor daughter's name from **'DHARSHANI. V'** to **"DHANVIKA. V"** vide Affidavit dated 21.08.2021, Sworn before Advocate and Notary S.Jayanna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PREETANJALI SAHI alias PREETANJALI E SAHI** D/o Jyoti Prakash Sahi, R/o : Vishram, Silvepura, Soladevanahalli, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090, have changed my name from **PREETANJALI SAHI alias PREETANJALI E SAHI** to **PRITANJALI EVELYN SAHI** vide Affidavit dated: 23/08/2021 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Vanishree Mahableshwar Dixit,** aged about 30 years, D/o of Mr. Mahableshwar Dixit, and wife of Mr. Praveen Soori, Residing at. No.1033, Tower 1, Prestige Ferns Residency, Haralur Road, Bangalore - 560102, after my marriage I have changed my name from **'VANISHREE MAHA BLESHWAR DIXIT'** to **'VANISHREE PRAVEEN SOORI',** vide affidavit dated: 21.08.2021 Sworn before K.V. Mani, Advocate, Bangalore.

ಹೆಸರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560010, ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರ, ಅಗ್ರಹಾರ ದಾಸರಹಳ್ಳಿ, 14ನೇ ಬಿ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 16ನೇ ನಂಬರು ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ದೇವಣ್ಣ ರವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿಯಾದ ಸುಮಾರು 23 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ್ನ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸರಸಮ್ಮ ಆದ ನಾನು ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ಸರಸಮ್ಮ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಪವಿತ್ರ ಎಂದು ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.08.2021 ರಂದು ಶ್ರೀಜೈಲ್ ಬಿ. ಗೊಬ್ಬುನಿ, ವಕೀಲರು & ನೋಟರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣೀಕರಿಸಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARJUN SHASHIKALA BALA KRISHNA,** S/o Balakrishna S M, Aged about 25 years, Presently R/at No.18/2, Kempegowda Nilaya, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Behind Ashrama Road, Yelchenahalli, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560078, have changed my name from **ARJUN S B** to **"ARJUN SHASHIKALA BALA KRISHNA",** vide affidavit dated 23.08.2021 sworn before Notary **Neha Baddi** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANJANA M NADIG,** D/o Manjunath N, Aged about 25 years, Presently R/at No.432/B, 10th Cross, 21st Main, 2nd Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560078, have changed my name from **SANJANA** to **"SANJANA M NADIG",** vide affidavit dated 23.08.2021 sworn before Notary **Neha Baddi** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MALLIKA SPOUSE OF NO JC-461620A** NB/SUB Thiru Marugan Residing at Door No 123, 4th Cross , Bangara Giri Nagar Post, JC. Nagar District Bangalore, State: Karnataka, PIN: 560006, have changed my name from **MALLIKA** to **MALLIGA .A.** vide affidavit Dated 21.08.2021 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LILLY MARY,** W/o Anthony Cruze Arul Dass, age 67 years, R/o No. 680, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Block, Pipeline Road, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560 057 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LEELA MARI** to **LILLY MARY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LILLY MARY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31-07-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.S. HEMANTH KUMAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAKTHI KISHORE S** Son of No: **14422540H RANK : EX Naik Name : A SONAIMUTHU** Residing at T Putukkottai (PO) Manamadurai (TK) Svagangai, Tamilnadu-623701, declared that the names **SAKTHI KISHORE and SAKTHI KISHORE S** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 20-08-2021 sworn before notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARJUN SHASHIKALA BALA KRISHNA,** S/o Balakrishna S M, Aged about 25 years, Presently R/at No.18/2, Kempegowda Nilaya, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Behind Ashrama Road, Yelchenahalli, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560078, have changed my name from **ARJUN S B** to **"ARJUN SHASHIKALA BALA KRISHNA",** vide affidavit dated 23.08.2021 sworn before Notary **Neha Baddi** at Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, **SERVICE NO JC- 461620A** NB/SUB THIRU MURUGAN OF UNIT: HQ 22 INF BDE, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 908022, have changed my Wife name **MALLIGA .A.** DOB from **18.03.1982** to **20.06.1983** vide affidavit Dated 21.08.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LILLY MARY,** W/o Anthony Cruze Arul Dass, age 67 years, R/o No. 680, 2nd Cross, Muneshwara Block, Pipeline Road, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560 057 do hereby declare that I have changed my husband name from **A. ARUL DASS** to **ANTHONY CRUZE ARUL DASS,** henceforth I shall use my husband name as **ANTHONY CRUZE ARUL DASS** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31-07-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.S. HEMANTH KUMAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNIL ADITHYA R,** Son of No: **15316864Y RANK : EX Spr Name : RADHAKRISHNAN,** Residingat 2/120-R1, CSI Compound, Melachathiram, Thalakulam Road, Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram, Tamilnadu-623701, declared that the names **SUNIL ADITHYA** and **SUNIL ADITHYA R** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 20-08-2021 sworn before notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) RUTH SANGEETHA,** Residing at No. 22, 2nd Cross, Sainagar, Behind Sambharam College, Chikkabettahalli, Bangalore - 560097 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RUTH SANGEETHA** to **(NEW NAME) J. SANGEETHA** vide affidavit dated 21.08.2021 sworn before notary S.R Ravikumar, Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, **SERVICE NO 15319177N** HAV B. KAMALANATHAN UNIT 56 FD COY, 4 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914004, have changed my wife name **K.PUNITHA** DOB from **15.05.1986** to **10.06.1987** vide affidavit Dated 19.08.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TANVEER KHAN,** spouse / Dependent / NOK of PATTAN HAROON KHAN resident of SMQ P 598/2, 7th Camp, Air Force Station, Jalahalli East, Bangalore, Karnataka-560014 have changed my name from **TANVEER KHAN** to **N THANVEER RAHIM,** vide Affidavit Dated 21-08-2021 Before Advocate and Notary **S Prakash,** Reg No. 7865/09, Bangalore, Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TAMIL SELVI T** is legal wife of No: **14422540H RANK : EX Naik Name : A SONAIMUTHU** Residing at T Putukkottai (PO) Manamadurai (TK) Svagangai, Tamilnadu-623701, declared that the date of birth **14-08-1985 and 14-01-1987** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dated 20 -08-2021 sworn before notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMESH SRICHAND VALECHA,** residing at No. 68-167-11 No. J204, Esteem Royal Apt Srinivagilu 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560047, have changed my Minor Son's name from **TANISH UMESH VALECHA** to **TANISH VALECHA** vide affidavit dated 23/08/2021 sworn before Notary K.G.Rajpal, Bangalore.

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Ref.No.: MEIL/DGM/PROCUREMENT/2021-22/124-054 Dt: 24.08.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement)

SUPPLY OF COPPER BARS and COPPER EXTRUDED SECTION

Calendar of Events: (1) Publishing of documents by e-Procurement cell: **23.08.2021. (2)** Last date for submission of queries online: **28.08.2021. (3)** Last date and time for submission of Technical & Financial Bids (Cover I & II) **02.09.2021. (4)** Opening of BIDS: **04.09.2021.**

Sd/- Deputy General Manager (Procurement)

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Tender notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders through E-procurement from the eligible contractors who are empanlled in Karnataka Housing Board.

1. **KHB/2021-22/BD/work_indent 833 & IFT No.61/2021-22 Date: 18-08-2021**
2. **KHB/2021-22/BD/work_indent 830 & IFT No.62/2021-22 Date: 19-08-2021**
3. **KHB/2021-22/BD/work_indent 831 & IFT No.63/2021-22 Date: 19-08-2021**
4. **KHB/2021-22/BD/work_indent 832 & IFT No.64/2021-22 Date: 19-08-2021**

For further information, contact below mentioned address during office Hours.
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077
web site : https://khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/DDU/1267/AKAR/2021-22

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Chief Engineer, BHABHA Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites for & on behalf of the President of India, Sealed item rate tenders in two parts from eligible contractors for those having adequate experience and capabilities to execute similar works of such magnitude as detailed in this tender.

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/PO&M/US/Cascade chiller/1**
Name of work	**Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of -80˚C Cascade Chillers at BARC Mysuru.**
Estimated Cost	**₹ 2,68,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore sixty eight Lakhs only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Nil** **Submit bid security declaration in hard copy as detailed in tender document**
Period of Completion	**Eight (8) Months**
Tender Sale Period	**From 25.08.2021 (11:00 Hrs.) 15.09.2021 upto 18.00 Hrs**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site **www.tenderwizard.com/dae** and **www.barc.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
For & on behalf of the President of India

IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C. Mis. No 185/2021

BETWEEN: Sri. N. Narasimhamurthy and another ... **Petitioners**

AND: The Commissioner and Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths, City Municipal Council (Nagarasabe), Nelamangala Town, Bangalore Rural District & others ... **Respondents**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioners above named, filed the above petition under section 13 (3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act 1969, seeking direction to the 1st respondent authority to issue the death certificate of their Grand Father by name **Gangappa S/o Late Narasimhaiah**, who died on **06/08/1977**, at Thimmasettappa Layout, Sun Rise School Road, Subashnagara, Nelamangala Town, Bangalore Rural District. The above case is posted to **08-09-2021** for hearing on the said petition. That if any person/persons desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by duly instructed pleaded at 11 A.M. failing which the above said petition will be heard, disposed on enquiry.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 17-08-2021.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Junior Division) and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioners: **Tejaraja H.R.**
Devanga Street, Nelamangala Town-562 123.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that the construction of Residential Apartment with a total built-up area of 29049.94 Sqm at Sy. No.189/1 & 190/1, Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore has been accorded Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, vide No.SEIAA 12 CON 2021 Date 05.08.2021. Copies of the certificate are available with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and SEIAA, website, http://seiaa.kar.nic.in.

M/s Suvastu Housing (P) Ltd.,
#497,AMR Plaza,18th Main,
3rd Sector, HSR 3rd Sector,
Bangalore -560102

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of India Undertaking)

E-Tender No.: KR-KW-EL-AMC-T-2-2021 Date : 24/08/2021

Regional Assistant Electrical Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, Shirwad, Karwar invites Sealed Bids from experienced contractors for **Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Maintenance of Air Conditioned (AC) Systems and Air Conditioned (AC) Equipments in 21 Nos. LHB Type AC Coaches and 08 Nos. of Power Car at Madgaon Coach Care Center of Konkan Railway and Escorting of LHB Type AC Coaches between Madgaon & Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai. Cost of Work :** ₹ 173.59 lakh (excluding GST). **Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid :** 15/09/2021 up to 15:00 hrs. For further details please visit : **www.ireps.gov.in**

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/46 Email:tmuengg@yahoo.com Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the listed below:

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Work Description	Approximate Amount (in Lakhs)	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/2021-22/ BD/Work_ Indent1465	PROVIDING & ARCHITEC-TURAL CIVIL DEVELOPMENT WORKS NEAR EXISTING NANDINI MILK PARLOUR IN TUMKUR DAIRY.	15,50,000=00 + TAX	39,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 27-08-2021 to 13-09-2021/ 5.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **13-09-2021/ 5.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (cover 1): **15-09-2021/ 5.00 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

Karnataka State
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

No.EE/PWD/Smg/JE-2/IFT-09/2021-22 Dtd:19.08.2021

Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) for the below Indents by PWD Class-3 & Class4 above Contractors. For needful information please contact Office P.No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

Reserved for SC Contractors

5054-SCP : 1. Sagara Tq. 1 work
5054-TSP : 2. Hosanagara Tq. 1 work

Reserved for ST Contractors

5054-SCP : 3. Sagara Tq. 1 work

All Contractors can participate

5054-SCP : 4. Sagara Tq. 1 work
5054-TSP : 5. Sagara Tq. 2 works
8443 Deposite Contribusion : 6. Shikaripura Tq. 2 works

Tender documents down loading & submission dates :1 No:1 to 6 works date:21-08-2021 to 06-09-2021,&SL.No:6 work date:27-08-2021 to 13-09-2021

Period for completion of 1 works : Si No:1 to 6 works 3 Months and SL.No:6 work 11 Months. 3 Months (Including Monsoon)

Sd/- EE, PWDept, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

DIPR/smg/No.79/08/mca/21-22/519

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Karnataka State. Tele: (08537) 275463, 276339, 275740
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com Website: www.huttigold.co.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 24/21-22, Dt. 24.08.2021

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The I/c Dy. General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following goods from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Qty.	Approx. Value (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Supply and Installation of Hydrozen Peroxide Tank. **HGML/2020-21/CT/WORK_IND270/call-3**	-	25.96
2	Supply of Auxillary Ventilation Fan. **HGML/2021-22/IND3151**	5 Nos	7.34
3	Supply of 1000 KVA Transformer. **HGML/2021-22/IND3141**	2 Nos	44.00
4	Supply of SS Screen 20mesh 304GR. **HGML/2021-22/IND3132**	1000 mtrs	15.35
5	Supply of Sagmill discharge end Cone Liner. **HGML/2020-21/IND3081/call-2**	20Nos	29.86
6	Supply of Tires ,Tubes & Flaps for under ground Loaders. **HGML/2021-22/IND3106**	As per list	53.86
7	Supply of LT Power distribution Panel. **HGML/2021-22/IND3144**	1 No	19.36
8	Supply of Non OEM Spares for BBC 120 F Drifter. **HGML/2021-22/IND3108**	As per list	7.18

(1) Last date for receipt of tender: **07.09.2021 at 4.00 p.m.** (2) Opening of Technical Bid on **10.09.2021 at 10.00 a.m.**

Tender shall be submitted through e-procurement portal only & tender processing fees as per e-portal norms. Please visit website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for submitting the bid. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- I/c Dy. General Manager (Materials)

"LEADING GOLD PRODUCER IN INDIA"

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Ghouse Bee Pyari Jan & others** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **MUSA KHAN S/O HAYATH KHAN** was died **on 10-02-1991** at Razaak Sab Palya, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Prl. Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of **hearing on 23/9/2021 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc.No. 92 /2021.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri H.B. Prakasha, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT. B.R.BHARATHI** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and she has lost the original Sale Deed dated 16/12/1981 bearing Document No.5455/1981-82, Book-I, Volume 1764, at pages 234-237, executed by Smt. Hanumakka in favour of Sri.C. Hanumaiah registered in the office of sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody is in possession of the said document, the same shall be handover to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.76, Old Khatha No.2025, Present BBMP Khatha No.2263/2025/513/ 624/76, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, property now comes under the limits of BBMP, measuring east to west 47.6 feet and north to south 18.06 feet and bounded on : **East by :** Property of Sri.Srinivas and Sri. Murthappa, **West by :** Property of Sri. Sanjeevappa, **North by :** Property of late Munivenkatappa, **South by :** Road

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.276, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Sri. G. SITARAM,** aged about 53 years, S/o Late. Ganganna, **Smt. S. NANDAMMA,** aged about 47 years, W/o. Sri. G. Sitaram, Both are R/at. No.63, 4th 'C' Cross, Anandapura Extension, T.C. Palya, Bangalore-560036. Are intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **(i) Sri. RAMESH MAHALINGAM,** S/o Sri. S.P. Mahalingam, aged about 49 years, **(ii) Smt. DEVI DEVASENA RAMESH,** W/o. Sri. Ramesh Mahalingam, Aged about 53 years, Both are R/at. No. 21, Thayagi Natesan Street-3, Salem, Ammapet, Tamil Nadu-636003, Rep. by their G.P.A Holder **Mr. GIRIDHAR GOVINDHAPPA,** aged about 49 years, S/o Sri. P. Govindappa, for valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/ objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are here by requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 17, old Khata No. 123/15, 123/16, 123/17, New Khata No. 2099/123,15,16,17, formed out of Property No. 123, Situated at Kithaganuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore, measuring East to West - 40 feet North to South - 30 feet, in all total 1200 Sq feet Bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 40, **North by:** Site No. 18, **South by:** Site No. 16.

From, **Mr. Manjunath Reddy, Smt. T. Shobha Reddy,**
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph:- 9845520830, 7353233778, 9036761009

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Post Bag no. 1. Yelwal, Mysore 571 130
Telephone: 0821 – 0821 – 2406630 Fax: 0821 - 2403064

CORRIGENDUM

Sub : **Stainless Steel & Monel Piping fabrication and related structural works at BARC site, Mysore**
Ref: Tender No : **BARC/MYS/PO&M/SS/Mon/PP/ 2021/**
With reference to above, the tender sale period is revised as mentioned below :

Sr. No.	Tender terms	Existing terms	Revised terms
1.	Tender sale period	**09/08/2021 To 18/08/2021 Till 16.00 HRS**	**09/08/2021 to 24/08/2021 Till 16.00 Hrs**
2.	Due date & time of submission of tender	**20/08/2021 Upto 15.00 Hrs**	**25/08/2021 Upto 15.00 Hrs**
3.	Date & time of opening of tender	**20/08/2021 at 15.05 Hrs**	**25/08/2021 at 15.05 Hrs**

All other terms and conditions are as per the brief tender notice dated 02/08/2021

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
For & on behalf of the President of India

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Post Bag no. 1. Yelwal, Mysore 571 130
Telephone : 0821-2406630 Fax : 0821 - 2403064

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Chief Engineer, BHABHA Atomic Research Centre, Mysore invites for & on behalf of the President of India, Sealed item rate tenders in two parts from eligible contractors for those having adequate experience and capabilities to execute similar works of such magnitude as detailed in this tender.

Tender Reference No.	**BARC/PO&M/US/Enclosure/1**
Name of work	**Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Sub atmospheric Pressure Enclosure along with mechanized material handling and other accessories**
Estimated Cost	**₹ 1,50,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Lakhs only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	1. Nil 2. Submit, Bid security declaration as per enclosed format in a separate sealed cover superscribing tender reference No.BARC/PO&M/US/Enclosure/1 addressed to Chief engineer BARC, Mysuru to be received before the due date of opening of the said tender. 3. Non -compliance of bid security declaration would amount to suspension from bidding for this tender & future tenders for a period of 12 months or as decided by Chief Engineer.
Period of Completion	**Eight (8) Months**
Tender Sale Period	**From 25.08.2021 (1100 hrs) To 15.09.2021 (1800 hrs)**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site **www.tenderwizard.com/dae** and **www.barc.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
For & on behalf of the President of India

Form No.22

General Notice in Respect of Interlocutary Application IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

MFA No.3024 / 2016 (SFC-DB)

Appellant : Karnataka State Financial Corporation, Having its Corporate Office at No.1/1, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru-560052 and Branch Office at S.L.N. Complex, MB Road, Near K.S.R.T.C. Bus Stand, Kolar - 563101, **Rep by its Assistant General Manager, by Sri. Bipin Hegde, ADV**

Vs

Respondents : M/s Alois Security Printers (P) Ltd. Having its Registered office at No.9, 3rd Cross, Sripuram, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 and others.

To. Respondent 5 and 8

5. B.S. Kiran Kumar S/o B K Sampath Kumar, Prakash Apartments, Sulthanpalya Main Road, Bengaluru.

8. A. K. Chatterji S/o Atal Behar Chatterji, Plot No. 41, Chitrakut Apartments, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003

Whereas the above named appellant has preferred I.A. No. 1/2016 as in the copy annexed hereunto, praying this court to condone the delay of 56 days and IA 2 /2014 for stay in filing the above Appeal against the judgement /Award / Order passed on **21.01.2016** in **MIS.No.08/2010** on the file of the Principal District, Judge at Kolar.

E/Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court in person or through an advocate or through someone duly authorised to act for you in this matter on **21.09.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** to show cause why the application should not be allowed. If you fail to appear, the application will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 04th day of August 2021.

By order of the Court
Sd/- (Venkateshaiah)
Assistant Registrar.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Registered Office: 27, BKC, C-27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051
Branch/AO Office for Communication Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, 5th floor, No. 22 MG road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560001 www.kotak.com

E - AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Guarantor (s) and / or Mortgagor (s), that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged / charged to **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited** ("Secured Creditor"), the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor on **20th July 2017**, will be sold through E-Auction on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on 9th September 2021**, for recovery of principal amount of **Rs. 24, 79, 87,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Four Crores Seventy Nine Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand only) as on 31-Jul-21** together with accumulated & future interest and other charges thereon at the contractual rates upon the footing of compound interest until payment/realization due to **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited,** being the Secured Creditor, from the **Borrower/s/ Mortgagor namely M/s. Sri Vaaru Metallurgicals Pvt Ltd and Mortgagor/s / Guarantor/s namely M/s. MET Star Industries, Mr. E. Narayanan, Mrs. Pushpa Rani.**

The details / description of Immovable Properties put up for auction, the Reserve Price, the Earnest Money Deposit and the Auction Schedule are mentioned below:

Schedule Property:

Name of the Borrower/ Mortgagors	Details Of Immovable Property put for E – Auction	Last date for submission of online bid	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price (INR)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (INR)
M/s. Sri Vaaru Metallurgicals Pvt Ltd, M/s. MET Star Industries, Mr. E. Narayanan, Mrs. Pushpa Rani	**IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - 1:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing plot no. 84 and 85, industrial area 2nd phase, Malur in Sy.No. parts of 14 and 95 within the limits of Kurandahally village, kasaba hobli, kolar district, Karnataka-563130 admeasuring 4275 Sq.Mtrs and **bounded on the:** East by: KIADB Road, West by: Property bearing no. 74 and 75, North by: Property bearing no. 86, South by: Property bearing no. 83. **IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - 2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Plot No. 59, Industrial area, 2nd phase, Malur in Sy.No parts of 16 and 95 within the limits of Kurandahally village, kasaba Hobli, Kolar district, Karnataka-563130 admeasuring 3990 Sq.Mtrs and **bounded on the:** East by: Property bearing no. 19, West by: KIADB Road, North by: Property bearing no. 58, South by: Property bearing no. 60.	**08.09.2021**	**IMMOVABLE PROPERTY -1 9th Sept., 2021 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM** **IMMOVABLE PROPERTY -2 9th Sept., 2021 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**	**IMMOVABLE PROPERTY -1 Rs.2,10,00,000.00 /-** (Rupees Two Crores Ten Lakhs Only) **IMMOVABLE PROPERTY -2 Rs.2,10,00,000.00 /-** (Rupees Two Crores Ten Lakhs Only)	**IMMOVABLE PROPERTY -1 Rs. 21,00,000.00 /-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Only) **IMMOVABLE PROPERTY -2 Rs. 21,00,000.00 /-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Only)

The undersigned may at his absolute discretion and on request from the prospective buyers, arrange for inspection of the said immovable properties 1 and 2 on 01.09.2021 between 01:00 pm to 02:00 pm through his authorised representative/agent.

Important Terms and Conditions:

1) The E - Auction shall be conducted only through **"On Line Electronic Bidding"** through website **https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net on 09.09.2021 from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 PM** for **immovable property - 1 and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM for immovable property – 2.** Time slot allotted for the Each Property with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each.
2) For details about E-Auction, the intending bidders may contact **M/s. E - Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger), For details please contact Name: Mr.Praveen.thevar : Mobile: 9722778828 M/s Auction Tiger - and Email id: tamilnadu@auctiontiger.net**
3) The intending bidders may visit the Bank's official website - **https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html** for auction details and for the terms and conditions of sale.
4) For detailed terms and conditions of auction sale, the bidders are advised to go through the portal https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net and the said terms and conditions shall be binding on the bidders who participate in the bidding process.
5) It is requested that the interested Bidder/s are required to generate the login ID and password from the portal https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net before uploading the bid and other documents.
6) The bid form has to be filled in the prescribed form and is to be submitted / uploaded online only along with KYC documents of the Bidder/s on the portal https:// kotakbank.auctiontiger.net on or before **08.09.2021 up to 04.00 p.m.** and the scanned copies of the duly filled and signed bid documents and KYCs of the Bidder/s should be sent by **mail to varun.vedasagar@kotak.com,ponraj.thangadurai@kotak.com and GK.RaghuRam@kotak.com** The Bidder shall write the subject of the email **"For purchase of Immovable Property -1 in the matter of "M/s. Sri Vaaru Metallurgicals Pvt Ltd or/and For purchase of Immovable Property -2 in the matter of "M/s. Sri Vaaru Metallurgicals Pvt Ltd.**
7) Prospective bidders may avail online training, for generating Login ID and password and for online bidding process etc., from M/s. E - Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) on above mentioned contact numbers.
8) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/FUND TRANSFER to the credit of Account No. 06410125272001, **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Nariman Point Branch, Mumbai, IFSC Code: KKBK0000958, on or before 08.09.2021 up to 04:00 p.m.** Any bid submitted without depositing the EMD amount shall stand automatically rejected. The EMD deposited by the proposed bidder shall not earn any interest.
9) The bid price to be submitted shall be equal to and / or above the Reserve Price and during the bidding process, bidders who have submitted bids shall improve their further offers in multiples of INR 1,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Only).
10) In case any bid is placed within last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction proceeding, the closing time shall automatically and immediately get extended by another 5 minutes.
11) The successful bidder has to deposit 25% of the highest bid amount (including EMD already paid) immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings or on the following working day in case business hours is closed on the day of E - Auction, in the mode stipulated as above. The balance 75% of the highest bid amount shall have to be deposited within 15 days from the date on which the acceptance /confirmation of sale is conveyed to such successful bidder or such extended period which shall be at the sole discretion of the Authorised Officer and within the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Rules, 2002.
12) The highest bidder will not have any right and title over the property until the Sale Certificate is issued in his favour subject to realisation of entire Auction Price and other incidental expenses. Sale shall be subject to terms and conditions of E - Auction and confirmation by the Secured Creditor to that effect.
13) If the successful bidder fails to deposit the entire bid / auction amount, the amount already deposited by the successful bidder shall be forfeited and the defaulting bidder shall neither have claim on the property nor on the amounts deposited. The Authorised Officer shall be free to exercise any one or more rights available to him in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Rules, 2002, in respect of the auction property/ies.
14) On receipt of the entire sale consideration within the stipulated period as mentioned above, the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate, the sale shall be completed thereafter, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited shall not entertain any claims.
15) The sale certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted. No request for inclusion/substitution in the sale certificate of names of any person(s) other than those mentioned in the bid shall be entertained.
16) The EMD amount, to the unsuccessful bidder/s, shall be returned by Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, in their accounts by way of RTGS / NEFT / Funds Transfer, within 10 (Ten) working days and without any interest.
17) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject a bid or postpone/cancel the notified E – Auction Sale without assigning any reason. In the event of postponement/cancellation of the E – Auction Sale after submission of the bids, EMD submitted by the bidders will be returned, without interest and in case the bids are rejected, Authorised Officer can negotiate with any of the bidders or other parties for sale of the property by private treaty.
18) If any bidder intends to bid for more than 1 property under auction, then the bidders has to submit separate bids for each of the properties by following the process as mentioned above.
19) The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor, but the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
20) Any other encumbrances are not known to the Bank. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of property Auctioned. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.
21) All statutory dues/ other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.
22) All outgoings charges i.e. Municipal Taxes, Maintenance/Society charges, Electricity and Water charges and any other dues or taxes including transfer charges / fees in respect of the property put for Auction-cum-Sale under the present notice shall be paid by the successful Bidder/Purchaser solely.
23) All other incidental charges (including but not limited to security charges or maintenance charges for preservation of the property under the present auction) will be borne solely by the highest bidder from the date of issuance of Certificate of Sale, which will have to be cleared / reimbursed to the Bank before registration of the Certificate of Sale. However at the sole discretion of the Authorised Officer, any just and reasonable delay will be considered for exemption, without setting any precedent for future.
24) As per Section 194-A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, TDS @ 0.75% shall be applicable on the sale proceeds if the sale consideration is Rs. 50,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) and above. The Successful bidder/purchaser shall deduct 0.75% TDS in favour of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., from the sale price and deposit the same with Income Tax Department and submit challan evidencing the deposit of TDS and Form 26QB / TDS Certificate to Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.
25) Sale will strictly be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on the terms and conditions as mentioned herein, however the Authorised Officer shall have the absolute discretionary right to change or vary any of the terms and conditions. The bidders are advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding any encumbrances, Search in Sub-Registrar Office and Revenue Records and Municipal Records and any administrative Government records relating to the concerned Property and shall satisfy themselves regarding the nature and description of the property, condition, any encumbrances, lien, charge, statutory dues, etc. before submitting the bid for the concerned Property.
26) If the dues of the bank together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the bank are tendered by/on behalf of the Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Mortgagor/s, at any time on or before the date fixed for sale, the auction / sale of asset may be cancelled. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel / adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
27) The bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the sale and shall abide by the said terms and conditions.
28) The bidders should ensure proper internet connectivity; power back up etc., The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure, or technical reasons or reasons / contingencies affecting the E-Auction proceedings.
29) Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited or its employees will not be liable for any claims from any person in respect of the property/ies put for sale.
30) The present notice is also uploaded on the Bank's official website i.e. www.kotak.com and interested parties can visit the same also.
31) For further details kindly contact Authorised Officer **Mr. Varun Vedasagar (Mobile No. 7829433605), Mr. T.Ponraj (Mobile no. +91-9884283338)). Mr. GK Raghu Ram (Mobile: 98992762690)**
32) The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Bank.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULES 6(2), 8(6), 8(7) & 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors are hereby notified to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and expenses within 15 days from the date of this notice failing which the "Secured Asset" (mentioned above) will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity.

Place: Bengaluru, Date: 24th August 2021

For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
Sd/-, Authorised Officer

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Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	13174798	Loan Against Property	1. Premadevi G 2. Arjunlal Choudhari	11.08.2021	INR 12,13,066.00/-	All That Part And Parcel Of Property Bearing Vp Katha No.2691/19, Site No.19, Assessment No. 123/4, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Total In All 1200 Sq. Feet, Situated At Kitthanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bounded As Under : **East : Property Bearing Site No.28, West : Road, North : Property Bearing Site No.20, South : Road**
2	21297204	Home Loan	1. Sandeep Narbolikar 2. Prakash Narbolikar	11.08.2021	INR 27,14,875.49/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Apartment Bearing No. F-1204, 2.5 Bhk On The 12th Floor In Block No. 'F' Measuring Sba Of 115.71 Sq.m. Inclusive Of Proportionate Share Of Common Areas In The Land Comprised On The Survey No. 18/1 Measuring 12859.77 And Western Part Of Survey No.19/1 Measuring 11552.86 Sq.m. Totally 24412.37 Sq.m. And, Bounded As: Boundary Details Of Flat No. 1204:- **East : OTS, West : Flat No. F-1203, North : OTS, South: Lobby & OTS**

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Date : 24.08.2021
Place : Bangalore

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Authorized Officer
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The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams will commence the sale of agarbattis made from used flower garlands of TTD temples by first week of September, said TTD EO Dr KS Jawahar Reddy

A file picture of a crowded market in Kochi during Onam. The health department plans to increase Covid testing | EXPRESS

3rd wave looms large, need to be alert: Kerala minister

Veena George says Onam resulted in crowding, Covid protocol violation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

IN the wake of the high spread of Covid infection, Health Minister Veena George has called for stepping up vigil for the next four weeks. According to her, the Covid protocol has not been followed and the Onam season has resulted in crowding. As a result, many locations have come under threat of spread of highly infectious Delta variant of the virus. Besides, the threat of a third wave is also looming, she said.

The advisory has been issued as the offices are set to open after the Onam holidays and the laxity in following the protocol will lead to further spread of infection. "The chances of infection are high in closed spaces. There should be proper care while having meals together and washing hands," said Veena George.

The minister has called for strengthening the home quarantine system after it was found that laxity in following the protocol led to the infection being spread to other family members. She reminded that the disease could be severe on elderly and those with comorbidities.

The minister said the department will increase the Covid testing and she also asked the public to undergo voluntary testing if they have symptoms. She reminded that vaccination would not prevent breakthrough infection and cautioned against lowering guard after two doses of vaccine.

The department has made preparations of supplying oxygen to meet the challenges of the third wave. "Preparations are under way to strengthen oxygen beds and ICU beds from the taluk-level hospitals. We have increased the number of ventilators," she said.

Tamil Nadu reopens tourist spots

Chennai: Famed beaches like Chennai's Marina and Nagappatinam's Velankanni drew hundreds of visitors since early morning on Monday as the State reopened its beaches to the public, after about four months. Along with beaches, several other popular tourist spots, from the Poompuhar ferry service to Vivekananda Rock and Thiruvalluvar statue in Kanniyakumari to the famed parks and boat clubs in Kodaikanal welcomed visitors. The day also saw resumption of inter-State bus services, to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, after a gap of nearly three months. **ENS**

No award for frontline workers of Karnataka tiger reserves

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

NONE of the frontline staffers of Karnataka's tiger reserves were awarded or honoured by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for their exemplary works.

However, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve staffers received a citation for being nominated and participating in the 'Bagh Rakshak- 2021' awards. The NTCA honoured the reserves' staffers for their exemplary work in the pandemic.

"Even though none of the staffers got an award, they were recognised for their hard work. Bandipur was chosen as one of the seven best tiger reserves in India and the staffers of Nagarahole have been appreciated for their work," said

Chief Wildlife Warden Vijay Kumar Gogi.

As a part of World Tiger Day, NTCA had honoured some frontline staffers for their works during the pandemic. Most of the staffers chosen were from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for the awards.

The awards honoured them for going beyond their line of work to protect wildlife and reduce conflict. In case of Nagarahole, the department had listed their staffers for their work, including working on M-Stripe, engaging with fringe villages, clearing and removing jaw traps and other such issues.

NTCA, however has not yet given the tiger reserves and the forest departments the feedback on what needs to be improved to boost the morale of the staffers, even though Bandipur houses a healthy population of tigers and elephants. "If we know what they are looking for, then next time, the nominations and submission of details will be done accordingly. The terrain, types of conflicts, and managements are different in South India, more so in Karnataka," said another official.

RESCUE OPERATION

Coast Guard personnel conduct a search operation to trace three boys who drowned off Marina Beach on Monday | MARTIN LOUIS

PARENTS IRKED

TS schools, anganwadis to reopen from September 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

AFTER a long hiatus, all public and private schools and colleges including Anganwadi centres in the State will reopen for physical classes from September 1. The move has generated mixed reactions from parents, teachers and school managements in Telangana.

"We are not against reopening of schools and would have welcomed the move if it would have been only for students of Class VIII and above. But the order to resume physical classes for even Anganwadi and primary classes is just a hurried decision. It is only to please the managements of private schools," said Sai Venkat, joint secretary, Hyderabad Parents Association.

The decision was taken at a high-level review meeting chaired by Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao. He directed officials of Panchayat Raj and Municipal Administration departments to take measures to ensure adherence to Covid-19 guidelines.

EXPRESS READ

10 held in connection with death of calves

Hassan: Police arrested 10 people in connection with a case where 18 calves died while being transported to slaughter houses in the district recently. Nurulla, Raheem, Sultan, Aarif, Irfan, Shabbir Ahmed, Mubarak, Jeevan, and Purushotam have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody. The calves were found dead after the goods vehicle in which they were being carried, hit an electric pole near Dyvappanahalli village of Belur taluk on August 19. The police said the calves died due to suffocation as the miscreants had tied their mouth and legs. **ENS**

IMC Swarnaa acquires 100 per cent stake in Trillium Flow Technologies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hubballi

IMC Swarnaa Ventures Private Limited, a joint venture of Hubballi-based IMC and Swarnaa Group of Companies, announced the successful acquisition of 100 per cent stake in Trillium Flow Technologies India Private Limited. The company is a leading player in manufacturing ball valves, butterfly valves, diaphragm valves, safety relief valves and plug valves, under the well-renowned 'BDK Valves' brand.

Trillium Flow technologies serve prestigious clients such as Reliance, Adani, ONGC, HMEL, NTPC, JSW, L&T, General Electric, Doosan, Siemens, Ion Exchange, including international clientele such as ABB Alstom, Hitachi and Honeywell, among others.

Through this acquisition, the company hopes to continue catering to the various industrial segments such as oil and as, power, metals and mining.

In 2010, the Indian Company BDK Engineering Industries Ltd was acquired by Wier Engineering services, which was then renamed to Trillium Flow Technologies India Private Limited.

IMC Swarnaa Ventures chairman Bimal Mehta said, "The acquisition of Trillium is a unique transaction bringing

Chairman of IMC Swarnaa Ventures Pvt Ltd Bimal Mehta and Co-Chairman VSV Prasad announce the acquisition of stake in Trillium Flow Technologies India Pvt Ltd

a pioneering leader in valve manufacturing back in the hands of Indians. We look forward to combining IMC Swarnaa's capabilities with the talent and expertise brought by Trillium's team."

IMC Swarnaa Ventures co-chairman Ch VSV Prasad said, "Through this acquisition, we are confident of taking Trillium to the next level with the support of our employees, customers and all other stakeholders and restore the company to its earlier reputation. The 56 year metals trade experience of IMC group combined with RDSO standard manufacture expertise of Swarnaa group will add an unparalleled growth to the new acquisition".

"We believe that with our customer-centric approach, we would successfully meet our client's expectations and multiply our order book and sales in next six months" said IMC Swarnaa director Shyam Mehta.

IN THE COURT

Delimitation notification for panchayat polls upheld

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has upheld the delimitation notification issued by the State Election Commission to hold elections to the Raichur and Chikkaballapura zilla panchayats and Chikkanayakanahalli taluk panchayat in Tumakuru district, based on the 2011 census.

Justice M Nagaprasanna dismissed the petitions filed by Lingappa Goudoru and three others from Raichur district, M V Balaraj from Chikkaballapura and H M Vishwanatha from Chikkanayakanahalli due to lack of merit. The petitioners contended that the delimitation by the Election Commission was without jurisdiction as it is mandated under the statute that it should be on the basis of census. There was no census in 2020-21 and the EC had already undertaken the exercise of delimitation in 2015 on the basis of the preceding census. Hence, they contended, the EC's move without a fresh census was without jurisdiction.

The Election Commission's counsel argued that the writ petitions calling in question the process of delimitation was not maintainable in terms of the bar under Article 243-O of the Constitution. On hearing both the parties, the court said that there was no violation to the provisions of law as contended by the senior counsel for the petitioners.

Chennithala fan brigade ready for revolt over dist chiefs list

A file picture of Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala greeting party vice-presidents

Chennithala had said that even though he is unhappy with the draft list, he will welcome the final list announced by the high command

A source close to Chennithala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

CLOSE on the heels of state Congress president K Sudhakaran's nephew jumping the gun on the list of new district committee chiefs, RC Brigade — a WhatsApp group of Ramesh Chennithala supporters — has put the party leadership under further pressure by asking the group members to rise up in arms once the high command releases the list officially.

The call is to attack national general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal and Opposition Leader V D Satheesan on various social media platforms. Chennithala's office, however, has disowned RC Brigade and its activities.

Sudhakaran's nephew Ajith Kannur had released what is claimed to be the final draft list of district Congress committee chiefs on another WhatsApp group, KS Brigade Politics.

Ever since a section of his party colleagues had opposed Chennithala's move to retain his position as opposition leader, his loyalists in 'I' group have been discontented and have refused to accept Satheesan's emergence as his successor.

They also believe it was Venugopal who pitched for Satheesan. This prompted the RC Brigade to join hands with Oommen Chandy-led A group members to plan the attack once the list is out. It is learnt the majority of the RC Brigade members are Youth Congress leaders.

"RC Brigade WhatsApp group is neither endorsed by Chennithala nor his office staff. It was started years ago and had senior leaders like Venugopal as members. Some vested interests have kicked up the row. Chennithala had said that even though he is unhappy with the draft list, he will welcome the final list announced by the high command," a source close to Chennithala told TNIE.

Odisha govt draws up action plan to tackle possible drought

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

AS large parts of the State are experiencing 28 to 50 per cent deficit rainfall and kharif crops heading for moisture stress condition, the State government on Monday decided to chalk out a comprehensive action plan to tackle the imminent drought situation.

"The cumulative rainfall in the State during this monsoon is 28 pc below average rainfall and the deficit rainfall in the agriculturally crucial month of August is 50 per cent less than the normal," said Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Secretary Suresh Vashishth. He added that moisture stress conditions of paddy crops have been reported in 30 blocks of 15 districts and it would be difficult to save the crops if the current situation prevails for five more days.

Chief Secretary Suresh Mahapatra reviewed the rainfall situation and crop conditions in the State with district Collectors at a high-level meeting here.

RELIGIOUS HARMONY

Afghanistan a lesson for humanity: Pinarayi

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan returns after paying tributes to the statue of social reformer Sree Narayana Guru in Thiruvananthapuram | VINCENT PULICKAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'Puram

SREE Narayana Guru's messages have solutions to some serious problems faced by the world, including that in Afghanistan, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said.

"Afghanistan puts forward a big lesson to humanity. If religious extremism flares up, people and countries will burn in it. Guru shared the great message of loving one another which would prevent humanity from being burned in the fire of extremism," he said while inaugurating the birth anniversary celebrations of Guru held at Chempazhanthy here on Monday.

In his online message, the chief minister said Guru's messages should reach places where people fight over religion and community. "There haven't been many times like this before when humanity was crushed to death by religious, communal and extremist forces. Hence Guru's messages have great relevance in our times. Only when we uphold humanity over caste and religion that we are honouring Guru," he said.

Racial discrimination is the root cause for the frequent clashes related to Palestine, Rohingyas and many issues within the country, said Pinarayi. It was the undercurrent in the Punjab and Kashmir issues. The LDF government acknowledges that the state cannot move forward ignoring Guru and his messages. The government celebrated the centenary of Guru's "we have no caste" announcement. Guru's statue was erected in the capital and the first open university was named after him. A convention centre was built at Guru's birthplace at Chempazhanthy. It was modelled on the Shanti Stupa in Odisha. The CM said that Guru's life had many aspects ranging from the fight against religious superstitions and social evils like liquor abuse. He also worked for education and self-dependence. "He synchronised these three. Guru wasn't a mere spiritual seeker. He did not meditate at some cave for a lifetime. Instead, he made interventions to change the society with his messages and deeds," said Pinarayi.

Union Bank of India
Hebbal Branch (21501)
No.03, Dasarahalli Main Road, Kempapura, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024

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The auction Sale Notice was issued to **Mr.Hanumegowda.K.** a borrower of the Hebbal Branch (21501) published in the same Newspaper on **Dated 22.08.2021** was printed as a 30 days Notice for Sale, and should now be read as a 15 Days Notice. All other details remains unchanged.

Date : 23.08.2021
Place : Bangalore
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1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 366 of the Companies Act 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days herein after to the Registrar at Bengaluru, Karnataka that M/s. **ONEDPO LLP,** (LLP IN-AAQ-7996) a Limited Liability partnership firm may be registered under part 1 of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.
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3. A Copy of the draft memorandum and articles of Association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office No.305A, Brigade IRV Centre, Nallurahalli Village, Whitefield Main Road, Bengaluru -560066, Karnataka, India. .
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), plot No. 6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon(Haryana).Pin Code - 122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the Company at its Registered Office.

Name of Applicants
Date : 23-08-2021
1. Kanagaraj Amarnath on behalf of **M/s. ONEDPO LLP**
2. Chellam Dhivya on behalf of **M/s. ONEDPO LLP**

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI
No:EE/PWD/KD/TS-4/Tender Notification/2021-22/ 2790 Date: 21-08-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

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DIPR/Kalaburagi/558/MC&A/2021-22

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi

EDITORIAL

> The Cholas were one of the greatest of the dynasties that ruled in India. ... They had the good fortune of Rajaraja I being followed by a line of successors equally adept in the fields of war, administration and art
>
> SR Balasubrahmanyam

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— Ramnath Goenka

INDIA MUST GO ALL OUT TO RESTORE EDUCATION

Back to school' ... the hum of pleasing noises around that phrase comes as perhaps the only welcome development amidst all the intimation of chaos around us. Children have been one of the worst-hit segments of humanity in the pandemic: some were directly afflicted, all of them had to endure a life thrown astray in terms of formal education and social well-being. Of course, the dilemma is still not resolved: is it safe to reopen schools for physical classes?

In India, the situation is more dire. The online ecosystem exacerbates the chasm between the haves and have-nots to phenomenal degrees. Children have been dropping off the schooling radar and hitting the labour market in worrying proportions since last year. Open government schools also means sustenance, access to midday meals—that means about 62% not going underfed or hungry. The fanfare witnessed on Monday in Karnataka around the partial reopening of Classes 9-12 underlined how badly this was missed. (Many private schools remained shut—either unconvinced that the time was right, or simply financially broken by the lockdown.) Had it not gone into state mourning for Kalyan Singh, Uttar Pradesh too would have opened schools on Monday. Andhra Pradesh opened on August 16, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan will follow on September 1. Punjab, Gujarat, Chattisgarh, Puducherry and a few others reopened in early August. Delhi is still dithering. Some have got their teaching staff fully vaccinated, others are en route there. It's still a mix of online and offline classes, with social distance protocols in place. Hopefully another wave of the Delta variant will not bring more disruption—experts have advocated a nimble, flexible model that responds to neighbourhood trends. The education budget is too puny for an overhaul or expansion of infrastructure, whereby all could be safely accommodated. But India must go all out to restore education. Schooling here is an equaliser—a vital investment that fuels economic growth and social regeneration.

TIME TO UP ANTE ON GRASSROOT SPORTS

Grassroots programmes. Catch them young schemes. Proper training under professional coaches and single-minded devotion. These are some of the oft-repeated jargon in Indian Olympic sports that have been trying to emerge from the labyrinth of dejection and despair. The Tokyo Games, where India won seven medals including a gold, has definitely acted as a soothing balm, but there's a lot more that needs to be done. And strong grassroots programmes are an integral part of that cog. Shaili Singh embodies the successful pursuance of such a programme. She jumped 6.59 m on Sunday for silver at the World Athletics U20 championships. India ended with three medals for the first time too. Neeraj Chopra, who won gold at the same event in 2016, went on to become an Olympic champion. Shaili has taken a strong first step at the age of 17.

What is heartening is that Shaili is a complete homegrown product, meticulously crafted by two of India's greatest long jump exponents. One is a coach, Robert Bobby George, and the other a former athlete, his wife Anju Bobby George, who happens to be the only World Championship medallist from this country. The two spotted Shaili when she was 14. They brought her to the Anju Bobby George academy in Bengaluru. They worked on Shaili without over-burdening her, technically and scientifically. No foreign coach. All stakeholders like the Athletics Federation of India and the Sports Authority of India lent them support. In fact, AFI has one of the largest grassroots competitions in the country called National Inter-District Junior Athletics Meet (NIDJAM). That's where Neeraj was spotted. That's where Shaili too was picked.

There are good instances of strong grassroots programmes in India. In badminton, P Gopichand has managed to help produce Olympic and world championships medallists like Saina Nehwal and P V Sindhu. The Chhatrasal wrestling academy has produced Olympics medallists like Ravi Dahiya. There are centres in Haryana where the wrestling mat has replaced mud. There are academies in a few other sports like shooting and boxing. But for India to produce more champions, the base has to broaden with more players trying to break each others' hegemony. There should be a bunch of athletes, not one or two sporadic instances of success.

The lowest risk of disease is in the ages of 5 to 10 years. Obviously, primary schools are the best to pilot test reopening

A ROADMAP FOR REOPENING OUR SCHOOLS

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AMIT BANDRE

Everyone understands the urgency to open schools—recounting its benefits is superfluous—but we do worry about the risks involved. The middle path needs to be found—to maximise advantage and minimise risks. The stakeholders are children, parents, school authorities, and state education and health departments. All of them deserve information and guidance to objectively assess risks and adopt mitigation strategies.

Countries with high levels of two-dose vaccination cover (called full vaccination, for convenience) have started reopening educational institutions cautiously. The UK, the first country to roll out vaccines, has had no major problems with school reopening. The US, with uneven proportions of fully vaccinated adults in different states, recorded surges of infections on school reopening in Texas and Florida, states with a low vaccination cover.

In India, states have different levels of vaccination coverage. Seroprevalence studies show wide variations of infection-induced immunity as well. Therefore, individual states should make their own district-wise decisions regarding school reopening depending on the ground realities. However, some broad principles can be enunciated. States with very high seroprevalence and/or vaccination cover, say 60% or more districts with high population immunity, and those with an excellent track record of epidemic management, such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra can boldly begin planning to reopen schools. Since the national average of full vaccination coverage is still less than 10% as of now (Kerala leads with 20%), it cannot be a deciding factor. The roadmap we describe can be adopted in any state/district, irrespective of immunity parameters, by following the design in letter and spirit.

All schools should not be opened in one go; that is common sense. Selected schools in districts with high immunity prevalence should be opened for testing the waters by monitoring the impact on the spread of the virus for two weeks, covering two incubation periods. Which ones should reopen first: high, middle or primary schools?

Children below 18 are currently ineligible for vaccination. The lowest risk of disease is in primary school ages of 5 to 10 years. Obviously, primary schools are the best to pilot test school reopening. What are the preconditions? Every state may choose to pilot test reopening a limited sample of schools in selected rural and urban areas, with close monitoring. The parameters of monitoring must be agreed upon first.

The plan and timelines should be made and discussed with all stakeholders brooking no delay—education and health authorities should work in concert for successful implementation. Any objections sought to be addressed and resolved with appropriate remedial measures. This preliminary process, to select the schools for pilot testing, need not take more than two weeks in any state.

All school staff—teachers, office staff, attenders and transport personnel involved in children's travel—and all parents and household members 18 and above ought to be fully vaccinated. Such a protective mantle for children will minimise the risk of infection and further transmission to families to almost zero. For children using public/private transportation, locality-specific safety plans must be made.

Children must be taught about the routes of virus transmission along with the rationale behind and discipline of social vaccine—wearing masks (except for eating and drinking), physical distancing, cough and sneeze etiquette, and hand hygiene. Food consumption should be done outside the classroom, preferably in an open area or well-ventilated hall.

Thermal screening and symptom screening at school entry by dedicated staff is a must. Children with fever and/or respiratory symptoms should wait in a sick bay until taken home. The local healthcare facility should monitor such children and their families with standard protocols for coronavirus infection screening (RT-PCR or rapid antigen test) and home isolation. These steps should be accurately documented and periodically analysed.

> The virus has taught us that its behaviour cannot be predicted or taken lightly. In matters concerning children, safety should always come first

Should asymptomatic children be screened for current coronavirus infection or past infection (by antibody test)? In pilot phase schools, it is an excellent idea to do either or both, but even where circumstances do not permit these, pilot reopening without screening may be permitted.

After two weeks of experience with such intense action protocol, if there is no worrisome evidence of viral spread, more primary schools could be opened following the same protocol, until all primary schools in all districts of the state are reopened over the span of four to six weeks.

Then, and only then, can reopening be expanded to middle schools with children of age 11 to 15 years with a similar protocol under the guidance of local healthcare personnel with strict maintenance of records. As school staff become confident, high schools covering 16- and 17-year-olds can be opened either simultaneously or with a gap of two more weeks after opening middle schools. Randomly selected middle and high schools, say 10%, can be monitored for at least four weeks before all stakeholders can relax and declare these plans safe and successful.

England's Public Health Department measured the impact of reopening schools by way of new infections. They tested antibody prevalence in children in 141 opened primary and middle schools during May and June—one month apart. The proportion of primary school children with antibodies remained stable at about 0.27%. This instilled confidence that their decision to open primary/middle schools was reasonable and correct.

Children aged 10 and above have slightly higher risk of infection than primary school children. Therefore, in any state, a statistically selected random sample of children in middle and high schools ought to be monitored by antibody testing both before and one month after school reopening. If this or a similar sequential plan of action and roadmap is followed, we will know, with objective data and evidence, how safe school reopening is for both children and their adult household contacts.

Safe reopening of schools is feasible now. The virus has taught us that its behaviour cannot be predicted or taken lightly. In matters concerning children, safety should always come first.

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LESSER-KNOWN CHOLA GEM WITH A STONE *VIMANA*

MADHUSUDHANAN KALAICHELVAN
Architect, serves on the govt-instituted panel for conservation of temples in TN

Kaniyamur or Kaniyamaruvur as it is referred to in the epigraphic records is situated on the Ulundrupet–Salem highway, 15 km from Kallakurichi. Driving down the narrow cement roads of the village, one manages to reach the rear entrance of the 10th–11th century temple dedicated to Siva as Pon Parappina Choleeshwarar. The temple is named so due to the patronisation of Pon Parappina Vanakovaraiyar, the feudatories of the Cholas who ruled this region then. Today it is known as Kanaka Choleeswarar temple.

An architectural wonder, this temple has a stunning *vesara vimana* and a *kalasa* made of stone. Though the temple campus is simple with just one *prakara* around the main shrine, the geometric perfection, crisp architectural features and exquisite icons chiselled to perfection by unknown Chola sculptors make it a rare gem. The epigraphic records in this temple are well preserved sans any oil stains and hence easy to read. Some of the inscriptions found here throw light on certain unique and almost-forgotten temple traditions.

Around the 13th century, the 11th regnal year of Maravarman Sundara Pandiyan II (1249 CE), the annual festival of this temple was a grand nine-day celebration in the Tamil month of Thai (mid-January to mid-February). A long-running inscription in the lower portion of the south wall of the *mahamandapa* narrates in detail the daily events of the celebration. On the first day, a flag bearing the rishaba and other sacred emblems is hoisted on the *dwajasthamba*. It is interesting to note that the traditional community of weavers, Kaikkolars as they are referred to, have been bestowed with the privilege of offering a hand-woven fabric for the flag and a rope to hoist it. This tradition of the weaver community offering the fabric, exclusively woven for the flag, is practiced in several other shrines including Chidambaram. This inscription also mentions a unique ritual on the same day in memory of Tirunavukkarasar, the 7th century saint poet. Loincloth and rice grains are distributed to devotees who have gathered at Kaniyamur to participate in the festival. Incidentally, a similar ritual of distributing loincloth in memory of Tirunavukkarasar on the day of flag hoisting is observed at Sri Tyagaraja Swami temple, Tiruvarur.

The inscription goes on to elaborate the offerings to be made every day of the celebration, in cash and in kind. Paddy, oil, sandalwood paste and flower garlands are common offerings on almost all days of the festival. One day is dedicated to Gnana Sambandhar, and what would be a better offering than sweetened milk to this blessed child poet who was fed by the divine couple themselves? An endowment to offer milk and palm jaggery to Sambandhar makes one wonder about the amount of detailing that has gone into conceptualising and constructing these festivals, while also ensuring remembrance of these saints and their services for eons. The festival comes to a close with offering large quantities of cooked rice spread like a carpet in the front *mandapa*, called a *Tiruppavadai*, to the deity. Offering silk robes and gold ornaments to the deity is also mentioned.

Just above this inscription is another record from the 13th century CE, which refers to the *deeksha* or initiation process of the Adisaiva priests of the temple. A married member from the community undergoes the initiation ritual and thus becomes eligible to perform the daily rituals and festivals in the temple. One unfinished inscription records an event where the hereditary temple priest from *athreya gothra*, a certain Sanga Kozhundhu Periya Pillai alias Periyanattu Bhattan, after initiation rituals, was also employed in the temple with land endowed towards his remuneration.

The other half of the same wall bears a land donation made to Rajanarayana Avudaiyar and Ulagam Uyya Thiruvayiru Vaitha Nachiyar, deities probably in a subshrine in the same temple, for food offerings and anointing them with sandal paste. The order mandates that the land be demarcated by installing corner-stones with an image of the trident, the weapon of Siva, on it. The written command notwithstanding, it was also ordered to be engraved on a copper plate.

The shrine for Chandeeshwara on the northern corridor has a record that says the deity was installed by a certain Neela Madanamadam Udaiyan of Dhavanur in the 21st regnal year of Veera Pandyan. In addition, this donor vows to ensure regular food offerings are made to the deity he installed. Tax-free land donations to the temple, endowments for remuneration of *odhuvars* employed, setting up of temple gardens and donations by the *devaradiyars* are some of the other inscriptions here.

The temple enjoyed a well-patronised status till a couple of centuries ago. It is unfortunate that today even the path leading to the temple has been encroached upon and the main entrance is unapproachable. This charming temple with unique architecture and great inscriptional value is a classic example of stone construction by the Cholas. The temple needs to be revived and the state of the premises calls for immediate attention. On enquiry, the author learnt that maintenance work at the temple has been set in motion by the government authorities.

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(L) Exquisite stone *vimana* of the Pon Parappina Choleeshwarar temple in Kaniyamur, Tamil Nadu. Today even the path leading to the temple has been encroached upon; (M) western facade of the main shrine; (R) Chandeeshwara on the northern corridor of the shrine

MAILBAG

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Well done, Shaili

Long jumper Shaili Singh deserves praise for winning a silver at the World junior athletics meet. The talented protege of the legendary Anju Bobby George was unlucky to miss the gold by a mere centimetre. India ended the campaign with its best-ever medal haul of two silver and one bronze. Kudos.
N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Latest oppn experiment

This is with reference to *Restructuring the national oppn to make it vibrant* (Aug 23). The success of the opposition would depend on how regional and smaller parties are treated by the Congress and other major parties. Unless a common programme is present, it will be like earlier experiments when there was an opposition but without unity and integrity.
Bijumon P N, Idukki

Palm oil move welcome

The Centre's intent to make India self-sufficient in edible oil production is a step in the right direction, with spiralling prices of vegetable oils in the country (*Push for palm oil self-reliance*, Aug 23). The places earmarked in the Northeast and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are ideal for its cultivation as this requires huge quantities of water.
K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Isolating the Taliban

The Salafis (Mujahid) in Kerala have denounced the Taliban, saying "they have nothing to do with Islam". Islamic groups and prominent personalities within that community openly denouncing the dreaded outfit worldwide is the most effective nonviolent way to isolate and frustrate the Taliban.
Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Implications for India

The article *Afghanistan: From here to where?* (Aug 23) is a good analysis of the US defeat, waste of American resources and implications of Taliban rule for the subcontinent. The author's concluding statement that "Indian capability and experience appears sufficient to neutralise this ..." shows the country's focus in strengthening the military has come in handy. It can be added that the reading down of Article 370 has also helped the nation.
Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

May his tribe increase

In this era of several hospitals that make patients pay through the nose, the news about Dr D Vijayagiri of Mettupalayam is a breath of fresh air (*'Super' specialty surgeon shares expertise with GH for free*, Aug 23). May his tribe increase.
P G Menon, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
The all-party top delegation of Bihar had a meeting with the Prime Minister regarding the demand for caste enumeration in the census of 2021

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
I urge Punjab to introspect those who don't consider J&K to be a part of India & others who have ostensibly Pro Pakistan leanings should be a part of INC Punjab

Sanjay Singh AAP @SanjayAzadSin
Have mercy on religion, BJP people steal donations in the name of Lord Ram and corruption in name of Kumbh, your govt did not use scooters in Kumbh

Sidhu sugarcane comment adds to bitterness

Strange that despite the higher cost of cultivation in Punjab the state assured price is too low as compared to Haryana/UP/ Uttarakhand. As torchbearer of agriculture, the Punjab SAP should be better

Navjot Sidhu, Punjab Congress chief

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THERE seems to be no end to the tale of unease between Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and state Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu, with the Central leadership trying hard to resolve the tiff. A day after Amarinder criticised Sidhu's advisers on their remarks on Kashmir and Pakistan, the state party chief attacked his own government and sought better rates for sugarcane farmers.

Talks between farmers and the Punjab government remained inconclusive on Sunday and Monday as no agreement could be reached on the cost of production for sugarcane. Blockade of highways and railway tracks continues. The farmers will meet Amarinder on Tuesday to determine the final SAP.

"Sugarcane farmer issue needs to be immediately resolved... Strange that despite the higher cost of cultivation in Punjab the state assured price is too low as compared to Haryana/UP/ Uttarakhand. As torchbearer of agriculture, the Punjab SAP should be better," tweeted Sidhu.

On the other hand, Sidhu summoned his advisers Malwinder Singh Mali and Pyare Lal Garg to his residence in Patiala to discuss their recent comments on Pakistan and Kashmir. Punjab Congress working president Kuljit Nagra refused to comment on the issue. Garg said the comments were 'personal' comments and not of the party. Mali said whatever he had to say, he already has on social media.

MP from Anandpur Sahib, Manish Tewari has urged the party to introspect whether those who do not consider Jammu and Kashmir as a part of India and have pro-Pakistan leanings should be part of Punjab Congress. "I urge Harish Rawat, AICC Gen Secy in-charge Punjab to seriously introspect that those who do not consider J&K to be a part of India and others who have ostensibly Pro-Pakistan leanings should be a part of Punjab Congress," he tweeted.

AICC General Secretary and Punjab in-charge Rawat said he has sought information in this regard. Amarinder had on Sunday warned party members against making ill-conceived comments. Getting into the act, Shiromani Akali Dal has asked Congress president Sonia Gandhi and senior leader Rahul Gandhi to say whether they agreed with the 'anti-India propaganda'.

Akali Dal demands resignation

Shiromani Akali Dal has said those from Sidhu's office who made the J&K comments should resign. It said a case of treason should be filed against Sidhu and his team. SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia said Sidhu's proximity with the Pak army chief is to blame

TROUBLE BREWING IN CHHATTISGARH CONG

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMIDST growing trouble in Chhattisgarh over power sharing, Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** and Health Minister T S Singh Deo are scheduled to meet top Congress leadership in the national capital.

The trouble has been brewing in the state amid reports that Deo is pressing for a decision on the chief minister issue in the state. Last month, Bhagel had met Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, party in-charge for the state PL Punia and organisation in-charge KC Venugopal.

Both the leaders will be meeting the party high command on Tuesday and although it is a review meeting, discussion is also likely on power sharing between Deo and Baghel.

Deo was also in the national capital earlier this month and met party leaders but he called it a personal visit. Both the leaders have said that they abide by the party's decision. The trouble in the state where the party has absolute majority comes on lines of other states where the Congress is battling infighting. The party is dealing with similar trouble in Rajasthan, Punjab and a few other states.

Efforts will be made to resolve the tiff between the two leaders and a formula will be worked out to settle the differences. Sources said that change of leadership is unlikely in the state at the moment and a solution will be worked out after talking to both the leaders.

On the lines of Punjab, the party is trying to work out a formula in the state. The Baghel government completed 30 months this June, and since then, Deo has been pushing for change in leadership.

There were reports the party may give responsibility of UP polls to Baghel. The power-sharing issue between the two was raised by Assembly Speaker and senior Congress leader Charan Das Mahanta, who said the top leadership will settle it.

Damage control all the time

Damage control has been the order of the day for Congress for quite some time. Be it Punjab, Rajasthan or Chhattisgarh, the high command has been busy dousing infighting flames.

We refugees, do need spiritual care and financial support.
The future of us as refugees is ambiguous, take our hand.
We need work permission to survivor
NO ONE IS SAFE EVEN NEWBORNS
International Community Please, Pro And Save O Lives.

Afghan refugee children living in New Delhi at a demonstration outside the UNHCR on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

International meetings to focus on Afghanistan

Counter-terrorism, human rights issues on BRICS & UNHRC agenda

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Afghanistan situation will come up for discussion at two international fora on Tuesday — the meeting of the BRICS National Security Advisors and during the session at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

"India holds the chair in BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, and China). The next meeting of BRICS Nation Security Advisors (NSAs) will be held on August 24," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said last week. It will be a virtual meeting.

Throwing light on the agenda of the BRICS meeting, Bagchi said it will focus on India's priorities during its chairship and include counter-terrorism cooperation and international peace.

The BRICS meeting will bring NSA Ajit Doval and his Chinese counterpart on the same stage for the first time since the Taliban took control of Kabul. China has already hinted it will recognise a government run by the Taliban.

The sixth meeting of the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Working Group was held virtually on July 28-29 under the chairship of India. Joint Secretary for counter-terrorism in the MEA, Mahaveer Singhvi, chaired the meeting attended by counter-terrorism officials from BRICS countries.

At the UNHRC, countries will address the serious human rights concerns that Afghanistan is witnessing in the aftermath of the Taliban takeover. The meeting in Geneva is being convened following an official request jointly submitted by the representatives of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The request for the special session has garnered the support of 89 countries.

PM SCHEME

2nd tranche of vendor loans after closure of 1st

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Urban Affairs has written to lending institutions regarding enhanced loan limits under the Centre's PM Svanidhi Scheme. It has said that the second tranche of loan should be processed only after the closure of the first one.

The government introduced Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors' Atma Nirbhar Nidhi Scheme (PM SVANidhi) in June 2020, to offer working capital loans to street vendors. Nearly 24.33 lakh beneficiaries have been received loans under this scheme.

Under new guidelines, on prepayment or repayment, beneficiaries are eligible for an enhanced working capital loan of up to ₹20,000 and ₹50,000 in the second and third instalments.

In its communication to the lending institutions, the Ministry of Urban Affairs said "Lending institutions are required to mark the first loan as closed for processing of the second loan."

The minimum amount of loan for the second tranche has been fixed at ₹15,000 and it has been decided that the tenure would be up to 18 months. An interest subsidy of 7% is paid by the ministry on a quarterly basis on timely repayment of loan instalments. The interest above the subsidy is borne by the beneficiaries.

Further, for use of digital transactions, a cashback incentive has been provided under the scheme. It is ₹50 for transactions of above ₹50 per month, ₹75 for ₹100 and above and ₹100 for ₹200 and above. This amount is electronically transferred to the beneficiary's account.

If the beneficiary receives 7% interest subsidy and full cashback on digital transactions, his loan becomes without interest. Therefore, timely repayment and digital transactions to mainstream the street vendors into formal economy has been incentivised. Street vendors vending in urban areas as on or before March 24, 2020, are eligible for benefit under the PM Svanidhi Scheme.

In a first, Colonel rank for five women

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

A Selection Board of the Indian Army on Monday cleared the way for first five women officers of the support arm and services to don the rank of Colonel. These women have completed 26 years of reckonable service and have been granted the rank of Colonel.

"This is the first time that women officers serving with the Corps of Signals, Corps of Electronic and Mechanical Engineers (EME) and the Corps of Engineers have been approved to the rank of Colonel," said a statement.

The five women officers selected for Colonel Time Scale rank are Lt Col Sangeeta Sardana from the Corps of Signals, Lt Col Sonia Anand and Lt Col Navneet Duggal from the Corps of EME and Lt Col Reenu Khanna and Lt Col Ritcha Sagar from the Corps of Engineers.

The first selection for the rank of Colonel (selection grade) is held after completing 16 years of service and those who miss out are granted the rank of a Colonel (Time Scale) after completing 26 years of service.

Women have become eligible for the Time Scale Colonel rank after given Permanent Commission (PC). A total of 424 women out of 615 considered for PC by a special board this year. They were granted PC after a Supreme Court order in February 2020, paving the way for PC for women officers also.

Previously, promotion to the rank of Colonel was only applicable for women officers in the Army Medical Corps (AMC), Judge Advocate General (JAG) and the Army Education Corps (AEC).

EXPRESS READ

Snatched rifles retrieved from river

Guwahati: The Meghalaya Police on Monday retrieved three INSAS rifles, which were snatched by the masked miscreants from three cops during the August 15 violence in Shillong, from a river. Two days ago, an anonymous letter sent to a media house stated the weapons were tossed into river Umkhrah. The Meghalaya Fire and Emergency Services carried out a search at the river and subsequently traced the guns.

FIR filed after fake video of PM's death

Ranchi: An FIR was lodged at a police station in Ranchi for spreading rumour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's death on the social media. According to police, a fake video was posted in a WhatsApp group which later went viral. "The video message was put on the local WhatsApp group following which it went viral on the social media. The FIR has been filed in this regard," said Officer in Charge, Ormanjhi Police Station, Rajeev Singh.

Reduced testing in Kerala behind improved national Covid-19 tally?

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

INDIA'S Covid-19 chart continued to show improvement. On Monday, the country logged just 25,072 cases, taking the total past 3.24 crore. However, a closer look at the numbers suggests that this significant drop could rather be a "manufactured" one on account of declining tests in Kerala.

The country has now reported less than 40,000 cases 10 days in a row and the fall in cases on Monday meant a decline of about 19 per cent as compared to the previous day.

Kerala has been reporting the highest number of daily infections over nearly two months now, but over the last two weeks, there has been a decline of 14 per cent in seven-day average of daily cases.

On Monday, for instance, Kerala reported just 10,402 new cases — down from 17, 06 daily infections registered on the previous day. But health economist Rijo M John, who has been tracking the figures, points out that daily new tests in the state has come down by 35 per cent over the last two weeks.

Also, he says, that the test positivity rate during the same time period went up from 12 per cent to 16 per cent. "This is not a genuine way to flatten the curve," John stresses.

This is a fact also acknowledged by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. A senior official told this newspaper that test positivity rate (TPR) in all 14 districts in the state is above 10 per cent. "There are about 40 districts in India showing test positivity rate of over 10 per cent, of which one-third are from Kerala. This is not a good sign," the official said.

Other sources in the ministry pointed out that a central government team sent to Kerala to help the state manage the Covid-19 outbreak earlier this month had identified some shortcomings on the part of the state in managing the pandemic which included inefficient contact tracing, among others.

The six-member team led by the National Centre for Disease Control director S K Singh, for instance, had said that in the state over 90 per cent of the cases are under home isolation, but the contact tracing ratio is only 1:1.5, instead of the recommended 1:20 for every positive case.

"When the contact tracing is inadequate, it is evident that not a sufficient number of people are being tested," the official said. "Now a further drop in testing is not a good sign and may end up worsening the pandemic situation."

CERTIFICATES FOR TRIAL PARTICIPANTS

New Delhi: The Centre on Monday said trial participants of Phase 2 and 3 bridging studies for Covishield and efficacy study for Covaxin — a total of 11,349 individuals — can download vaccine certificates from the CoWIN portal. The ICMR in partnership with Serum Institute of India had conducted Phase 2/3 bridging studies of Covishield from August, 2020. Phase 3 efficacy trials for Covaxin were conducted by Bharat Biotech from November.

Health workers inoculate beneficiaries at a Covid-19 vaccination centre in Mumbai's Nair Hospital on Monday | PTI

No Dahi Handi in Mumbai, BJP cries foul

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN view of the pandemic and fear of a third wave of Covid-19, Mumbai's traditional Dahi Handi celebration will not take place this year.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray called a meeting of Govind Pathaks that erect human pyramids during Dahi Handi — to mark the birth of Lord Krishna — and urged them not to celebrate this year and focus on creating health awareness instead.

Thackeray said the pandemic has forced various restrictions on the daily life of people. He urged Govind Pathaks to take welfare initiatives instead.

BJP opposed the move. The party's state leader Ashish Shelar said this is 'Taliban mentality' of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government He said the government is allowing hotels, bars and wine shops to operate, but not Hindu festivals. He said those who have taken both doses of the vaccine should be allowed to organise Dahi Handi without crowding.

Maharashtra Covid-19 task force chief, Dr Sanjay Oak, who was also present in the virtual meeting, said physical distancing cannot be maintained during Dahi Handi celebrations as people come in very close contact with each other while forming human pyramids.

Virus leads to increase in infant deaths

New Delhi: An estimate by World Bank researchers shows that the economic decline accompanying Covid-19 may have caused over 2,67,000 infant deaths in low and middle-income countries, more than a third of which occurred in India. Researchers estimated 2,67,208 excess infant deaths in 128 countries — a 6.8% increase — and underscored the vulnerability of infants to the negative income shocks. India has the highest annual births (2,42,38,000) and a large projected economic shortfall of –17.3%, said the paper. "While efforts towards prevention and treatment remain paramount, the global community should also strengthen social safety nets and assure continuity of essential health service," the authors noted.

AIIMS Patna study finds arterial stiffness in corona patients

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

A study has found that arterial stiffness is being noticed beyond the normal limit among moderate and severe patients of Covid-19. This poses a threat to the patients' cardiovascular health and kidney function.

This non-randomised observational research is titled "To study the relationship of COVID-19 severity with arterial stiffness: A prospective cross sectional study or COSEVAST study". It was carried out by a group of doctors at the Patna–based All India Institute of Medical Sciences in three months during the peak of the pandemic. It has found cases of arterial stiffness in a majority of Covid-19 patients.

Dr Neeraj Kumar, who headed the study as assistant professor of trauma and emergency, said: "It has been found that Covid patients admitted to hospital are showing arterial damages and developing cases of hyper tension, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases."

Quoting from the study, he added arterial health mainly depends on the integrity of innermost layer called the endothelial cells layer. "Since endothelial layer is present everywhere throughout the vascular system, sudden failure of endothelial layer function due to COVID-19 may lead to sudden severe conditions in various organs," he said.

COVID TRACKER

1.34% CASE FATALITY RATE | 1.94% DAILY POSITIVITY RATE | 97.63% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE | 3,33,924 ACTIVE CASES IN INDIA | 19,474 FALL IN ACTIVE CASES | 12,95,160 TESTS IN 24 HOURS | 7,95,543 DOSES IN 24 HOURS

LOCAL LANGUAGES IN UNIV

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday gave approval to a proposal for creating 159 posts of teachers to teach local languages like Santhali, Ho, and Mundari in colleges and PG teaching centres

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	27	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	31	24	Panaji	29	26
Jaipur	34	26	Patna	33	28
Amritsar	35	26	Lucknow	38	30
Chennai	35	29	Port Blair	28	27
Kolkata	32	28	Imphal	24	22
Srinagar	28	12	Chandigarh	38	28

GUNFIGHT

2 top Lashkar commanders shot dead in Srinagar

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

ON a day two top commanders of Lashkar-e-Toiba/TRF were killed in a gunfight in Srinagar on Monday, Army's Northern Command Chief Lt Gen Y K Joshi said terrorists, who are ready to accept their mistakes and want to surrender, would be welcomed with open arms.

Talking to media, IGP-Kashmir Vijay Kumar said acting on input, 10 policemen in civvies went to Aloochi Bagh area of Srinagar. "They cordoned off the area and challenged the militants. The militants fired and in the retaliatory firing both the terrorists were killed," he said.

Kumar said Abbas claimed himself to be chief of TRF and Saqib was his deputy. Police maintain that TRF is a shadow group of Lashkar. Asked whether the duo was involved in all killings in Srinagar, IGP said, "Yes, definitely. Saqib was carrying out killings on the directions of Abbas." Abbas and Saqib figured in the list of wanted terrorists released by police earlier this year.

Meanwhile, Lt Gen Y K Joshi said: "Over time, we have observed that the families and loved ones of terrorists are pleading with them to abandon the gun culture, the cycle of violence and return to their families." Joshi was at Mansbal Lake Park area in central Kashmir's Ganderbal to attend a function to observe 23rd anniversary of the homecoming of 23 boys, who were forced to pick up arms but were rescued. He said the army will make all efforts to seek and facilitate surrenders even when troops are in the midst of intense operations. "The Indian army is there to give a second chance to any youth who accepts his mistakes, wants to surrender and come back to the mainstream. We want youth to come back to the mainstream. We always welcome them with open arms," Lt Gen Joshi said.

Asserting that the Indian Army gives importance to human rights when conducting anti-terrorism operations, he said, "We ensure we use minimum force and there is minimum collateral damage."

"We the uniformed forces are here to save lives and not to take them," he added.

Mob justice for imposter bangle seller in Indore, three held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A 25-year-old bangle seller, who had disguised his identity, was beaten up in an act of mob justice for allegedly molesting a Class VI student at Govind Nagar in Madhya Pradesh's Indore on Sunday.

The bangle seller hiding his identity was named as Tasleem Ali, a native of Uttar Pradesh's Hardoi district. He alleged that his assailants snatched ₹10,000 cash and ₹25,000-worth bangles, besides damaging his cell-phone.

While a case was registered against 7-8 persons under 14 different IPC sections 9-10 hours after the attack, three were arrested 28 hours after the incident. A case of molestation and forgery/fraud was registered against Tasleem based on a complaint from the Class VI student, who attributed the delay in filing a complaint to public shame.

The minor alleged the bangle seller, who possessed three separate voter ID cards, introduced himself as Golu, son of Mohar Singh, and molested her when her mother had gone inside the house to bring money to pay for the bangles.

According to IG-Indore, Harinarayanchari Mishra, "First, a case was registered against unidentified persons under at least 14 sections of IPC. Seven to eight men have already been identified, of whom three have been arrested. Later, a case u/s 188 of IPC was registered against those who violated prohibitory orders by protesting outside Central Kotwali on Sunday night."

Earlier, two videos of the mob justice triggered tension outside the Central Kotwali police station, with a group of minority community people surrounding the police station and protesting against the incident for around two hours on Sunday night.

The videos (*TNIE* cannot independently verify their authenticity) showing a group of 8-10 men thrashing the bangle seller and snatching his wares had gone viral. In one of the videos, the attackers are heard casting communal slurs and warning him not to venture again into the Hindu community area.

In another video, Tasleem put forward his side, saying: "This is the first time I had gone there. I did not molest anyone. I was beaten up after they came to know I was a Muslim." Several opposition politicians, including Congress leader Imran Pratapgarhi and Digvijaya Singh condemned the attack.

KEY QUESTIONS

- If the bangle seller had attempted to molest a customer and was hiding his identity, why did the locals not inform the police?
- Why did the city police take 9-10 hours to file an FIR, when the incident took place around 2.30 pm?
- Why was the bangle seller hiding his identity and carrying three different voter's ID cards?

JNU students recruited for terrorism: NIA

Claims made in chargesheet in Elgar case, agency silent on PM assassination plot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

A chargesheet filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) against 22 people accused of inciting violence during the Bhima Koregaon event in 2018 has no mention of them either planning or having any links to a plot to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The agency alleged that the accused in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case recruited students from well-known institutes like Delhi's JNU and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) for terrorist activity.

The central agency has made the claim in its draft charges submitted before a special court here. The NIA submitted the draft charges, earlier this month and a copy of the document was made available on Monday.

The NIA chargesheet accused the 22 people of threatening India's sovereignty, integrity and security by conspiring against government or civil authorities/public functionaries, besides including the charge of waging a war against the country, which is punishable with death. The agency claimed the accused were members of the banned CPI (Maoist) and its frontal organisations whose main objective is to establish *Janta Sarkar* (people's government) via revolution supported by a commitment to protracted armed struggle to undermine and to seize power from the state.

It said the accused "abetted and assisted" unlawful activities to threaten the unity of the country strike terror in the people, using explosive substances, transporting sophisticated weapons to cause death or injuries and was an attempt to do or cause the death of public functionaries. Students of various universities, including Delhi's JNU as well as Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) were recruited to carry out terror activities, it added.

The NIA names activists – Stan Swamy, who died in July, J R Jagtap, ST Gorkhe, R M Gaichor, S Dhawale, S Gadling, M Raut, S Sen, Rona Wilson, A Ferreira, Sudha Bharadwaj, Varavara Rao, V Gonsalves, A Teltumbde, Gautam Navlakha and Hany Babu – as accused.

The prosecution claimed the Elgar Parishad conclave was organised by people with Maoist links. The case was initially probed by the Pune police and later transferred to the NIA by the Centre.

Locals observing the damage caused after heavy boulders slid on to a road at Hathni ki Dhar near Jutog in Shimla on Monday | PTI

NO CASUALTY REPORTED IN TWO LANDSLIDES IN HIMACHAL, TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AFFECTED

Shimla: A landslide at Garola on Chamba-Holi road brought traffic movement to a standstill around 2 am Monday. Travellers were forced to spend around 12 hours in their vehicles until the affected section was cleared. Another landslide was reported around 5 am when boulders slid on to the Kalka-Shimla NH5 near Dharampur. The suddenness of the landslide triggered panic braking, which led to a tailup. Heavy rains in the past few days have triggered a spate in landslides across the hill state, killing several people, damaging infrastructure and marooning far-flung villages.

Gupkar brainstorming on future course on 370 today

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

After the top leadership of the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) came under severe criticism for skipping Article 370 reference in a joint statement of 19 parties, the six-party grouping would meet on Tuesday to chalk out future strategy for Article 370's restoration. The leaders of PAGD would be meeting at NC president Farooq Abdullah's Gupkar residence in Srinagar.

"Not only the top leadership of the six-party grouping, but also the middle rung leaders of the constituent parties have also been invited for the meeting for larger interaction and wider consultation," PAG convenor and NC MP Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi said.

It would be for the first time since formation of Gupkar Alliance in October last year that the second rung leadership of the six parties would also be attending the meeting.

About 100 leaders of the six political parties are expected to attend the meet, which is scheduled to start at 11 am.

"The second and middle rung leadership of the parties have been invited for the meeting to seek their views on how to go ahead and continue to strive for restoration of August 5, 2019 constitutional position of J&K," another leader said.

The leader said in view of Covid-19 situation, the PAGD could not hold a bigger meeting involving more leaders but now that the situation has improved, the leadership decided to invite more leaders.

Another PAGD leader said the administration had raised a query that in view of Covid-19 situation large gathering cannot be allowed. The meeting will give a clear picture of whether the alliance would launch a public movement to press the centre to restore Article 370 or wait for the Supreme Court verdict.

Trinamool presses panel for bypolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

ARMED with the state health department's report saying either zero or negligible cases of Covid-19 infection have been reported in seven Assembly constituencies, where by-elections are to be conducted, the ruling Trinamool Congress has decided to move the Election Commission, demanding immediate by-polls.

Jangipur, Shamsherganj and Shantipur Assembly constituencies recorded zero Covid-19 cases, while the case count in Bhowanipore, Khardah, Gosaba and Dinhata have been marginal in the past few days. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is slated to contest from Bhowanipore.

The poll panel had asked all political parties to come up with their opinion on whether by-elections can be conducted, considering the present pandemic situation. TMC sources said with the BJP leadership in Bengal already taking a stand opposing the by-election, the poll panel's decision of seeking opinion from parties might delay the process.

In Bengal, 600 to 700 Covid positive cases are being reported every day and the daily death toll has come down to 8 to 10. "By-elections in Bengal

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> Senior TMC leader

are important to us as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will have to get elected within six months and the deadline is November 5. Now, BJP is playing dirty games to postpone it," said a senior TMC leader.

Mamata lost to her former lieutenant Suvendu Adhikari, who defected to the BJP ahead of the elections, in Nandigram. She is supposed to contest from Bhowanipore Assembly constituency, her erstwhile seat from where she was elected in 2011 and 2016.

NAMESAKE

Chhattisgarh CM's birthday turns lab for sycophancy innovation

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

SYCOPHANTS raced among themselves on Monday to score brownie points with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel through their antics to mark his birthday on August 23. Prominent among them was senior Congress leader and former Mayor of Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) Pramod Dubey, who launched a social media drive to felicitate 25 people who shared their name with the incumbent.

Summing up the whole episode was another senior Congress leader, who on condition of anonymity, quipped: "It's an innovation in sycophancy but there is nothing wrong with it."

Meanwhile, Dubey's 'mai bhi Bhupesh' (I,too, am Bhupesh) contest saw the namesakes going home with mementos with the catchline's imprint on them, besides various other gifts.

"We urged the namesakes to contact us with proofs of identity," said Dubey, who lost from Raipur in the 2019 Lok Sabha election. "Individuals working in banking sector, business, police force, farmers, government sector, media identified themselves as Bhupesh and 25 of them were short-listed," said Dubey.

However, the Opposition BJP was not impressed. "Congress relies on stunts than fulfilling the needs of the people. Their obsequious ways do not send a good public message. We have seen such practice by Congress during the elections when they fielded candidates with identical or similar names against the Opposition," said Dharamlal Kaushik, the Leader of Opposition.

Meanwhile, political observers, too, were at a loss to explain the logic behind the drive and the specialty in having the same name as the chief minister. "What gain could he derive from such a drive is for time to tell," said Ashok Tomar, a political analyst.

EXPRESS READ

Temple trust invites 200 seers to observe construction progress

Lucknow: The Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust has sent the letters to seers across the nation to come to Ayodhya and watch the progression of temple construction on Ram Janmabhoomi premises. As per the highly placed sources, around 200 seers and saints of different sects of Hindu religion across country have been extended special invitation contacted by the Temple Trust requesting them to come to Ayodhya and observe the making of grand Ram temple. The Trust in Ayodhya is preparing to make adequate arrangements give access to seers from across India so that they can view the construction of Ram temple.

Road to temple named after Kalyan

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

Funeral procession of Kalyan Singh at Bulandshahr on Monday | PTI

ON a day the mortal remains of former Uttar Pradesh chief minister Kalyan Singh were consigned to the flames on the banks of the Ganga at Bansi Ghat in Narora of Bulandshahr district on Monday with full state honours, the Uttar Pradesh government announced the naming of an approach road to the upcoming Ram temple in Ayodhya as Kalyan Marg.

Union ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Smriti Irani, UP CM Yogi Adityanath, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Chauhan, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Uttar Pradesh BJP president Swatantra Dev Singh and former Union minister Uma Bharti were among those who paid tribute to the departed leader.

Yogi Adityanath had been with the mortal remains of Kalyan Singh since his demise on Saturday night. Several UP ministers were part of the funeral procession, apart from thousands of supporters and followers. The last rites were performed by the departed leader's son and BJP MP Rajveer Singh, who was accompanied by son Sandeep Singh, a minister in the Yogi Cabinet. Earlier in the day, the government decided to rename one road each in five districts after Kalyan Singh. These districts included state capital Lucknow, temple town of Ayodhya, Sangam city Prayagraj, Bulandshahr and Aligarh.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

All staff to get 7-day off to spend with parents

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma dedicated a new building of Government Old Age Home at Sonapur on the city outskirts to the service of the inmates. The building was constructed at a cost of `3.5 crore. Sarma said he felt privileged to have inaugurated the building for the mothers "who really need our help on a day when our government has completed 100 days in office". The CM thanked Minister for Social Welfare Ajanta Neog for leading her team to complete the construction. He said the government was committed to ensuring the welfare of senior citizens. He said it has taken a decision to allot seven days of leave to all government employees to be with their parents.

Flybig Airlines spreads its wings to Arunachal

Flybig Airlines has spread its wings to the frontier state of Arunachal Pradesh. The airlines operated its first flight on the Guwahati-Tezu route last week. Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu honoured the event with virtual presence to flag-off the maiden flight from Tezu along with Flybig Airlines president Captain Sanjay Mandavia. According to official sources, Flybig will operate on this route with a frequency of four flights per week. The launch fares start from `1,199, making it possible for a larger number of people to travel by flight. With Guwahati-Tezu route, Flybig has established air connectivity in 10 out of 16 routes in the Northeast under UDAN Flight under Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN-RCS). The expansion in air coverage would help the hill state get better connectivity to other parts of India.

Whole line up of CNG buses coming soon

The Assam government will soon introduce electric and CNG buses in place of diesel-run vehicles in Guwahati. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said the government would buy 200 electric buses and 100 CNG buses. The aim is to make the city carbon-neutral. "We have taken a decision to introduce electric and CNG buses in Guwahati. The Assam State Transport Corporation will soon stop operating the diesel-run buses in Guwahati," Sarma said, adding, "We want to reduce carbon emissions. The same policy will also apply to private buses in due course."

Luxury car gifted to boxing sensation Lovlina

There are rewards and incentives galore for Olympics boxing bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain. After a reward of `1 crore and the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police offered to her by the Assam government, she was gifted a luxury car (Renault-Kiger) by a Guwahati institution. She was personally present to receive the reward. Lovlina went home at Baro Mukhia village in Golaghat district in the new car. It was driven by her father Tiken Borgohain. "I know driving but since I don't get much time to drive, my confidence level is low," the boxer had told journalists to a query. Her Olympics glory ensured a concrete road in her village. The government has also decided to build a sports academy at a cost of Rs 25 crore in the village.

15 students, who were abducted by gunmen from their school in Nigeria last month, were relased on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	30	17	SNY	Los Angeles	27	17	SNY
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	13	8	LC
Dhaka	32	27	TDS	Moscow	19	9	LC
Dubai	41	32	SNY	New York	33	23	SNY
Houston	36	26	SNY	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	29	22	SNY	Toronto	29	23	SNY
London	22	13	LC	Washington	35	23	SNY

Firing broke out near an entrance to the airport, where at least seven Afghans died a day earlier

Taliban blame chaotic scenes on the US military and say there's no need for any Afghan national to flee

US govt has asked for 18 aircraft from American carriers to transport refugees to their final destinations

Since Aug 14, the US has airlifted or facilitated the evacuation of more than 30,000 people

Gunfire kills 1 at Kabul airport amid chaotic evacuations

KABUL

A FIREFIGHT just outside Kabul's international airport killed at least one Afghan soldier early on Monday, German officials said, the latest chaos to engulf Western efforts to evacuate those fleeing the Taliban takeover of the country.

The airport shooting came as the Taliban sent fighters north of the capital to eliminate pockets of armed resistance to their lightning takeover earlier this month. The Taliban said they retook three districts seized by opponents the day before and had surrounded Panjshir, the last province that remains out of their control.

Afghanistan's security forces collapsed in the face of the Taliban advance, despite 20 years of Western aid, training and assistance.

Tens of thousands of Afghans have sought to flee the country since, fearing a return to the brutal rule the Taliban imposed the last time they ran Afghanistan. That has led to chaos at the airport in Kabul, the main route out of the country. Gunfire broke out near an entrance to the airport, where at least seven Afghans died a day earlier in a panicked stampede of thousands of people. The circumstances of the shooting, which occurred around dawn, remained unclear.

The German military tweeted that one member of the Afghan army was killed and three others were wounded by "unknown attackers." Emergency, an Italian humanitarian organization that operates hospitals in Afghanistan, said it had treated six patients with bullet wounds from the airport, none of whom were in life-threatening condition.

The US military and NATO did not immediately acknowledge the shooting. There was no comment from the Taliban.

Afghans poured onto the tarmac last week and some clung to a US military transport plane as it took off, later plunging to their deaths. At least seven people died that day, in addition to the seven killed on Sunday. *AP*

'No new govt until last US soldier leaves'

Kabul: The Taliban will not announce the makeup of its government until the US completes its troop withdrawal. "It has been decided that the formation of the government and cabinet will not be announced as long as a single US soldier is present in Afghanistan," a Taliban source said.

US Air Force aircrew, assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, assist qualified evacuees boarding a US Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft in support of the Afghanistan evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan | AP/PTI

Afghan tricolour becomes a symbol of resistance

KABUL

AFTER two decades out of power, the Taliban are swiftly moving to stamp their authority on Afghanistan using every tool at their disposal — including flags.

Since rolling into Kabul a week ago, the white banner of the Islamist militants has become a common sight across the country, replacing the national tricolour flag above government buildings, police stations and military facilities.

There have been scattered reports of people being castigated or even punished for waving the old national banner, but so far there is no official word from the group on the flag issue.

At a Kabul roadside on Sunday, vendors were making a quick sale in Taliban flags -- a white banner bearing the Muslim proclamation of faith and the regime's formal name: "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan".

"Our goal is to spread the flag of the Islamic Emirate throughout Afghanistan, instead of the tricolour flag," said vendor Ahmad Shakib, who studies economics at university.

It was not clear if he was affiliated with the Taliban.

The sight of Taliban fighters in vehicles bearing the standard has terrorised people across Afghanistan in recent weeks as the militants first captured vast swathes of the rural hinterland and then all the major cities.

The group was quick to replace the Afghan national flag wherever it could. *AFP*

Germany for continuing evacuation beyond Aug

BERLIN

GERMANY is in talks with both NATO allies and the Taliban about keeping Kabul airport open beyond the planned August 31 US withdrawal date, to help evacuate as many Afghans who need protection as possible, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said Monday.

"We are holding talks with the United States, Turkey and other partners with the goal of allowing the airport to continue to operate a civilian operation to fly these people out," he told reporters.

Germany will "also continue to talk to the Taliban about this and will do this also after the withdrawal of US troops," he added. With tens of thousands crowding to the airport in a bid to flee Afghanistan after the Taliban swept back into power, the situation on the ground is "dangerous", said Maas.

"The situation at and around the airport has become more chaotic in the last hours," he said, urging people not to head to the site on their own as it was not certain that they can reach the military part of the airport where evacuation flights run by NATO allies were running.

German forces were "using every possible option... to bring Germans and vulnerable Afghans safely to the airport," he said. Germany was also already in talks with Afghanistan's neighbours Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and India about Afghans who fled across the land borders, he said.

Berlin has asked the countries to allow Afghans who qualify for evacuation to be allowed to head to German embassies to file their applications. *AFP*

Imams asked to keep believers calm

Kabul: The Taliban's longtime spokesman has urged imams in Afghanistan to give assurances to Afghans about their security and safety. Zabihullah Mujahid said on Monday at a gathering of clerics in Kabul that they are responsible for keeping their constituents calm. He also urged them to "clear the baseless propaganda" he says is being disseminated by the US about the Taliban. "Imams, keep your people calm, we should indoctrinate people to support the Islamic government and Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan." Mujahid said government employees will soon be able to return to work and Afghans will remain safe under a previously announced amnesty. *AP*

US' focus on rescuing Americans: Kamala

SINGAPORE

VICE-PRESIDENT Kamala Harris asserted Monday that the US must maintain its focus on evacuating Americans and vulnerable Afghans and should not get distracted by questions over what went wrong in the chaotic US exit from Afghanistan.

Speaking at a news conference in Singapore, Harris repeatedly declined to engage when asked what she felt should have been done differently in the withdrawal. "There's no question there will be and should be a robust analysis of what has happened, but right now there's no question that our focus has to be on evacuating American citizens, Afghans who worked with us and vulnerable Afghans, including women and children," she said.

Harris took questions alongside Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong after the two met for about two hours to discuss issues ranging from the Covid response to cybersecurity and supply chain cooperation.

The news conference was dominated by Afghanistan. Harris' visit to Singapore and Vietnam is seen as the first real test of the Biden administration's ability to reassure key allies of its resolve. *AP*

US cannot simply abandon Af: China

Beijing: China is once again criticising the US over Afghanistan, saying America cannot simply abandon the war-torn country. "The US is the root cause and the biggest external factor in the Afghan issue," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said. "It cannot just run away like this." He called on the US to help maintain stability, avoid chaos and rebuild Afghanistan.

Our administration is committed to enduring engagement in Singapore, into Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific. The reason I am here is because the United States is a global leader, and we take that role seriously.

Kamala Harris, US vice-president

Taliban fighters patrol the streets of Kabul on Monday. They have enforced some sense of calm in a city long marred by violent crime | AFP

Over 260 Afghan Sikhs in Kabul Gurdwara, seek help to get out

Washington: Over 260 Sikhs have taken shelter at Gurdwara Karte Parwan in Kabul and need help in their evacuation, a US Sikh body said Sunday. "There are more than 260 Afghan citizens left at Gurudwara Karte Parwan in Kabul including women and over 50 children. This includes three newborns with one born yesterday," United Sikhs said in a statement. So far, only India has helped evacuation of Afghan Sikhs after the takeover of the country by the Taliban. We are in communication with governments in the United States, Canada, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Tajikistan, Iran and the United Kingdom among others," the United Sikhs said. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

Graft charges: 12-year prison term for min

Tehran: Iranian president on Sunday met Japan's foreign minister in Tehran and the two discussed de-escalation of tensions in the region, Iranian news agencies reported. The president's official website, president.ir, said Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi discussed bilateral, regional and international issues with President Ebrahim Raisi. The two-day visit is the first by a Japanese official since Raisi became Iran's new president and the first since the Japanese prime minister visited Iran in 2019. ISNA said Motegi is in Tehran at the official invitation of Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. The report said Motegi would meet with Raisi's nominated foreign minister, Hossein Amirabdollahian and other high-ranking officials during his two-day visit. AP

VIETNAM

Strict lockdown imposed in Ho Chi Minh City

Hanoi: Vietnam's largest metropolis, Ho Chi Minh City, began a strict lockdown on Monday in an attempt to curb its worst coronavirus outbreak, a day before US Vice-President Kamala Harris arrives on a state visit. People in high-risk districts are not allowed to leave home, which will remain in effect for at least two weeks. The city said it has mobilised police and army troops to monitor the lockdown and to deliver food as other necessities to each household. *AP*

NORTH KOREA

Return to talks, urges US special envoy

Seoul: US President Joe Biden's special envoy for North Korea said on Monday he's ready to meet his North Korean counterparts "anywhere and at any time" as he held discussions with South Korean officials over stalled nuclear talks with the North. Sung Kim's visit to Seoul comes amid declining expectations for a quick resumption of talks and new tensions over ongoing US-South Korean military exercises. North Korea has described the exercises as a rehearsal for an invasion and has threatened unspecified countermeasures that would cause a 'security crisis' for the US and South Korea. After meeting with senior South Korean diplomat Noh Kyu-duk, Kim reiterated that the Biden administration has no hostile intent toward North Korea. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Protesters storm broadcaster's office

London: Anti-lockdown protesters on Monday forced their way into the offices of British television news broadcaster ITN. Hundreds of protesters joined the march in central London, with a small group then breaking into the broadcaster's headquarters. A video posted online showed veteran news anchor Jon Snow being verbally abused as he made his way into the building.

21 dead in weekend attacks in Nigeria

Kano: Twenty-one people were killed and 13 were wounded in two attacks in northwest Nigeria at the weekend, officials said, in the latest deadly violence in the troubled region. On Sunday nine people were killed when "unidentified persons" attacked the village of Ungwan Dooh in Zangon Kataf district, Samuel Aruwan, the state's security commissioner said.

22 dead, dozens missing as record rain floods Tennessee

WAVERLY

AT least 22 people were killed and rescue crews searched desperately amid shattered homes and tangled debris for dozens of people still missing after record-breaking rain sent floodwaters surging through Middle Tennessee.

Saturday's flooding in rural areas took out roads, cellphone towers and telephone lines, leaving families uncertain about whether their loved ones survived the unprecedented deluge. Emergency workers were searching door to door, said Kristi Brown, a coordinator for health and safety supervisor with Humphreys County Schools.

Many of the missing live in the neighborhoods where the water rose the fastest, said Humphreys County Sheriff Chris Davis, who confirmed the 22 fatalities in his county. The names of the missing were on a board in the county's emergency center and listed on a city department's Facebook page.

"I would expect, given the number of fatalities, that we're going to see mostly recovery efforts at this point rather than rescue efforts," Tennessee Emergency Management Director Patrick Sheehan said.

The dead included twin babies who were swept from their father's arms, according to surviving family members, and a foreman at county music star Loretta Lynn's ranch. The sheriff of the county of about 18,000 people some 96km west of Nashville said he lost one of his best friends.

Up to 43cm of rain fell in Humphreys County in less than 24 hours on Saturday.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee toured the area, calling it a "devastating picture of loss and heartache." He stopped on Main Street in Waverly where some homes were washed off their foundations. *AP*

A rescue crew member wades through high waters following a flash flood after tropical storm Henri made landfall in Helmetta, New Jersey | AFP

Slow-moving storm Henri drenches Northeast US

Westerly: Tropical Storm Henri socked the Northeast with strong winds as it made landfall Sunday on the coast of Rhode Island and sent lashing bands of rain westward, knocking out power to over 140,000 homes and causing deluges that closed bridges, swamped roads and left some people stranded in their vehicles. The storm was downgraded from a hurricane before reaching New England, leaving many to breathe a sigh of relief, but the National Hurricane Center warned the slow-moving storm would continue dumping heavy rains on wide swaths of the region well beyond the weekend. AP

Greece: Two new blazes break out amid strong winds

ATHENS

GREECE scrambled firefighting aircraft and ground forces Monday as at least two new blazes broke out in areas already scarred by wildfires this summer, with strong winds complicating the efforts to contain them.

The first broke out Monday morning in the southern part of Evia, Greece's second-largest island, whose north was decimated earlier this month by a blaze that burned for more than 10 days. The second wildfire was burning in Kaza, in the Vilia area northwest of Athens where a major blaze was brought under control Friday after burning for five days.

An aircraft drops water over a a wildfire in Vilia area some 60km northwest of Athens on Monday | AFP

Authorities issued an evacuation order for Vilia, 60 kilometers (37 miles) from the Greek capital. Some residents hosed down their gardens and homes, hoping to save them, while police halted traffic on a nearby highway.

"A new major battle has begun," regional governor Giorgos Patoulis told Open TV. *AP*

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MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
226.47 ▲	Sensex	55,555.79	₹13.5 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,741.1	₹636 ▼	Per kg	₹62,705	▼ Dollar		74.09
45.95 ▲	Nifty	16,496.45	₹13.4 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,722.1	₹0.636 ▼	Per gm	₹62.705	▲ Euro		86.94

Roads, rlys add to bulk of monetisable assets

Govt eyes ₹3.13 lakh cr by monetising road and railway assets using ToT, InvIT and other models during FY22-25

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RAILWAYS and road assets would account for 52% of the government's ambitious ₹6 lakh crore asset monetisation pipeline announced on Monday. As per the government's four-year roadmap, it plans to realise ₹3.13 lakh crore by monetising road and railway assets.

In the road sector, the government plans to monetise 26,700 km of highways over FY22 to FY 2025.

The total length of highway assets considered for monetisation constitutes around 22% of the total national highways (estimated to be about 1,21,155 km) excluding the network operated by the private sector under BOT (toll) based PPP concessions. Highways which will become operational over the four-year period have also been considered as part of the monetisable asset. It is estimated that NHAI is incrementally adding 2,000–3,000 km of monetizable toll roads to its asset base every year.

Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said the potential models of road assets monetisation would be Toll Operate Transfer (ToT) and InvIT, while for railways, it will work on multiple models. For monetisation of Railway assets, the government has earmarked 400 railway stations, 90 passenger trains, Konkan railways (741 km route) and 4 hill railways (244 km route).

Besides, 673-km dedicated freight corridor, 265 goods shed, 15 stadia and railway colonies will also be part of the monetisation drive. Also on the monetisation list are ₹35,000 crore telecom assets and ₹20,782 crore from airport assets.

TOTAL INDICATIVE VALUE OF NMP AT ₹6 LAKH CRORE

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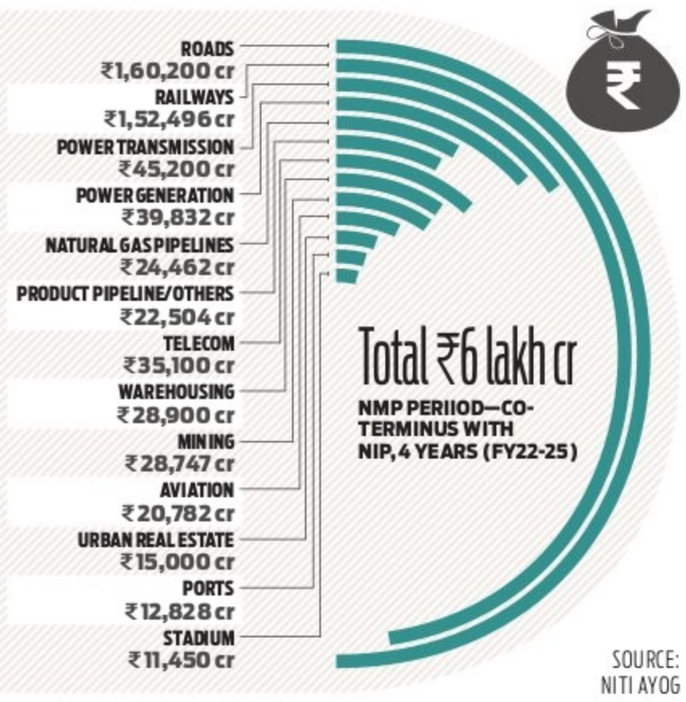
Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman with Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant during a press conference in New Delhi on Monday | PARVEEN NEGI



SOURCE: NITI AYOG

₹1.3 lakh-cr power, oil & gas assets to be monetised

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

PUBLIC sector assets worth as much as ₹1.3 lakh crore in the power and oil and gas segments are to be monetised between FY22-25 under the National Monetisation Plan (NMP). The NMP envisages using Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvIT) to monetise power transmission assets and oil and gas pipelines; monetising 6 GW of hydel and renewable energy power generation capacity; and unlocking value through a variety of operate-transfer agreements.

Under the NMP, FY22-25 will see the monetisation of 28,608 circuit kilometres (ckt) of state-run Power Grid Corporation's (PGCIL) transmission network—around 17% of its total asset base. This is expected to derive a monetisation value of ₹45,200 crore over the period, partially through InvITs such as the recently concluded PGCIL InvIT (₹7,700 crore) in Q1 FY22. Other regulated assets may be monetised through the toll-operate-transfer (T-o-T) model.

Meanwhile, the NMP plans to monetise public sector power generation assets worth ₹39,832 crore over the same period. Due to the difficulty of finding investors for coal plants, the NMP focuses on hydel and renewable energy facilities operated by state-run power generators NHPC, NTPC, NLC and SJVNL. Around 6 GW of hydel and RE assets will be monetised, comprising 3.5 GW of hydro assets (27% of CPSU hydro generation asset capacity) and 2.5 GW of solar plants owned by CPSEs (100% of CPSU-owned solar capacity).

"... the government should rather take the 'stewardship' role of nurturing the sector and giving policy direction rather than operating these assets," the NMP says.

In the petroleum and natural gas sector, natural gas pipelines worth ₹24,462 crore and petroleum product pipelines such as those carrying LPG worth ₹22,504 crore find mention.

Around 8,150 kilometers of GAIL-owned gas pipelines will be monetised. During FY22, two pipelines—Dabhol-Bengaluru (1,414 km) and Dahej-Uran-Panvel-Dabhol (815 km)—have been identified, with the rest to follow between FY23-25.

FM tells Infy CEO to fix I-T portal glitches by Sept 15

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman came down heavy on Infosys and gave them a strict deadline till September 15 to fix all the technical glitches in the new income tax portal designed by the IT major. "The Finance Minister demanded that the issues faced by taxpayers on current functionalities of the portal should be resolved by the team by 15th September, 2021 so that taxpayers and professionals can work seamlessly on the portal," the government said in a statement issued on Monday post the meeting of Salil Parekh, MD & CEO, Infosys with the finance minister.

The government had shortlisted Infosys to create a new e-filing portal of the Income Tax Department. However, even after two and half months since its delayed launch, there were continuous technical glitches reported by the users. Finance minister took up social media to express her disappointment and also sought a meeting with the team, where they had assured to fix the problems in a month. But the problems refused to go and Sitharaman sought an explanation again from Infosys for the repeated issues faced by taxpayers.

More efforts needed

There is a need for putting in more resources and efforts on the part of Infosys so that the much delayed delivery of agreed services is ensured

"The Ministry of Finance emphasised that there is a need for putting in more resources and efforts on the part of Infosys so that the much delayed delivery of agreed services is ensured. Parekh was also sensitised on the difficulties that the taxpayers were facing and the problems that are arising on account of the delays in the functioning of the portal," the statement said.

The government statement said that Parekh explained and has assured that he and his team are doing "everything to ensure the smooth functioning of the portal" and a team of over 750 members are working on this project with Pravin Rao, COO of Infosys, personally overseeing this.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

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HDFC BANK

The lifting of RBI restrictions before the festive season thus augurs well. We expect the bank to turn more aggressive on Credit Cards over the next few months. The bank continues to make additional contingent provisions to further strengthen its Balance Sheet against any potential Covid-19 impact, and expects stress formation to remain under control.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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IS THE IPO MARKET LOSING ITS SHEEN?

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AFTER a fabulous run, it seems investors are shying away from IPOs (Initial Public Offerings). Not only is there a fall in subscription rate of recent IPOs, but the stocks are also debuting on the bourses at a discount and most of them so far are trading at a lower value than the issue price.

India's fifth largest cement-maker Nuvoco Vistas Corporation' shares made a weak debut on Monday as it started off its first-day trade at a 17.37% discount to the issue price of ₹570. The ₹5,000-crore IPO of the company had seen tepid response from investors as it was subscribed only 1.71 times.

Nuvoco's performance was followed by CarTrade's underwhelming listing. The multi-channel auto platform's shares made a weak debut as the stock listed with a 1.11% discount to the issue price of ₹1,618 per share. The stock opened at ₹1,600 on the BSE despite being oversubscribed by 20.29 times during August 9-11.

Similarly, shares of Windlas Biotech, Exxaro Tiles and Krsnna Diagnostic have performed poorly with their value crashing 7-16% since listing. And if experts are to be believed, upcoming listings —Chemplast Sanmar (subscribed 2.17x.) and Aptus Value Housing Finance (subscribed 17.2x) may also receive dull response from investors.

Experts attribute to multiple factors with the two most important are — correction in mid/small-cap stocks and cyclical downturn.

Vinod Nair, Head Of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said "A lot depends on the performance of the secondary stock market for the subscription trend of IPOs. It impacts the demand & valuations of new company offerings and listing gains. The ongoing weak performance of the broad market due to heavy selling of Mid & Small-caps is affecting the primary market today." Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said, "IPOs are seeing a downcycle in terms of oversubscription and listing gains. Like every other cycle, even the IPO cycle undergoes various stages."

CCI imposes ₹200-crore fine on Maruti Suzuki for restricting dealers' discounts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Monday imposed a penalty of ₹200 crore on India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) for restricting discounts by dealers that could have benefited end-consumers. The watchdog has now asked the automaker to "cease and desist" from anti-competitive practices related to dealer discounts and deposit the fine within 60 days.

CCI, which had started looking into anti-competitive allegations against MSIL in 2019, found that the company had a 'discount control policy' in place whereby the dealers were discouraged from giving extra discounts and freebies to the consumers beyond what were permitted by the company. If a dealer wanted to offer additional discounts, prior approval of MSIL was mandatory.

Any dealers found violating the policy were threatened with penalty, including threat of stopping supplies, said ministry of corporate affairs in a statement quoting the CCI order. To enforce this policy, MSIL had even appointed Mystery Shopping Agencies ('MSAs') who used to pose as customers to MSIL dealerships to find out if any additional discounts were being offered to customers.

MSIL spokesperson said, "We have seen the order dated 23 August 2021 published by the Competition Commission of India. We are examining the order and will take appropriate actions under law. MSIL has always worked in the best interests of consumers and will continue to do so in the future."

EXPRESS READ

16 bankers in race for managing LIC IPO

New Delhi: As many as 16 merchant bankers are in the race to manage the initial public offering of LIC — touted to be the biggest share sale in the country's history. These bankers will be making a presentation before the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) spread over 2 days —August 24 and 25.

Vedanta makes gas discovery in Gujarat

New Delhi: Billionaire Anil Agarwal's Vedanta on Monday said it has made a natural gas discovery in a block in Gujarat that it had won in the open acreage licensing policy (OALP) round. The firm said it has notified the DGH and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on August 23, 2021, of a gas and condensate discovery (named 'Jaya') in its exploratory well Jayal.

Siddhartha Lal reappointed as Eicher MD

ENS ECONOMY BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER facing a major setback from shareholders, Eicher board on Monday announced reappointment of Siddhartha Lal as the managing director of the company.

The decision will be subject to shareholder approval and the Board will go back to them for fresh approval through postal ballot, the company said in a regulatory filing.

Shareholders had last week voted down the reappointment and pay hike of 10% for Lal at the company's annual general meeting. It was reported that a hike of 10% to Lal faced backlash from investors concerned about slowing down of business operations due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Lal, however, continues to be the director and CEO of the company.

Vodafone loses 43 lakh users; Airtel trails Jio

ENS ECONOMY BUREAU @ Chennai

SUBSCRIBER data for the month of June shows that struggling Vodafone Idea has continued to hemorrhage users at a very high rate, losing a net 42.8 lakh wireless users during the month.

In May, both Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel had seen massive net subscriber losses at 42.81 lakh and 46.13 lakh subscribers respectively, while Reliance Jio gained net 35.54 lakh subscribers.

In June, however, unlike Vodafone Idea, Airtel returned to the positive zone by adding 38.1 lakh users, while Jio widened its lead with a net addition of 54.6 lakh subscribers.

TRAI's subscriber data shows that Vodafone Idea's net loss of ₹7,319.1 crore in the quarter ended June 30 (Q1FY22) was largely driven by the large losses in the subscriber base and the consequent impact on the company's revenue.

Other factors such as the removal of the interconnect usage charge system in January this year also hit the firm's revenues, pulling down average revenue per user (ARPU) sharply.

Vodafone Idea's market share in the crucial wireless segment has witnessed a steady deterioration over the past few quarters, but the pace has accelerated in the previous two quarters.

The company had once been the country's largest telco in terms of user base, boasting a market share of 31.49% in October 2019.

However, after the SC verdict on AGR during 2019 and massive losses due to liabilities arising from the same verdict, the company has witnessed a steady fall in the number of users.

RBI LIFTS CURB

HDFC Bank aims 3 lakh new credit cards per month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector lender HDFC Bank has drawn up plans to recover its lost market share across the card segment in the next three-four quarters after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted the ban on its new digital launches.

In a media interaction on Monday, Parag Rao, Group Head – Payments, Consumer Finance, Digital Banking & IT, HDFC Bank, said that the bank aims to match the pre-Covid milestone of issuing new cards in the next three months. As of November 2020, prior to the embargo period, the bank would source three lakh new cards every month.

"When the restrictions from the regulator were in place, we utilised the time to chalk out a new strategy. With our new offerings as well as our existing suite of cards, we are confident to come back with a bang," Rao added.

The second milestone would be to take the monthly new card sales to five lakh a month which would help regain the entire market share by number of cards.

HDFC Bank market share by number of cards had come down by around 2 percentage points to under 25%, as rivals ICICI Bank and SBI Cards had consistently gained share.

RBI panel suggests 4-tier framework for UCBs

ENS ECONOMY BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE N S Vishwanathan-led expert committee set up by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to study the functioning of urban cooperative banks (UCBs) and provide a roadmap for strengthening the sector has suggested a four-tier framework on the basis of deposit base and size to regulate the banks. The eight-member committee has also favoured setting up of the umbrella organisation (UO) to provide UCBs liquidity support and suggested that the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies (NAFCUB) should expedite the process of setting up the proposed entity.

"The UO should be financially strong and be well governed by a professional board and senior management, both of which are fit and proper. As an alternative to mandatory consolidation, the committee prefers smaller banks acquiring scale through the network of the UO, which is one of the successful models of a strong financial cooperative system globally.," according to the report submitted by the expert panel.

Business & Beyond

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank celebrates 75th Independence Day

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd celebrated 75th Independence Day at its head office premises, Thoothukudi on August 15 in a befitting manner. KV Rama Moorthy, Managing Director and CEO of the bank, presided over the function and hoisted the national flag and addressed the gathering. Vice President, General Managers, Chief Financial Officer, Deputy General Managers, Assistant General Managers, officers and staff participated in the event.

Heavy Industries minister inaugurates EV charging station

The Delhi-Chandigarh highway has become the first e-vehicle friendly highway in the country, with a network of solar-based Electric Vehicle charging stations (SEVCs) set up by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) under the FAME-I scheme.

Workshop on CDRI study to enhance power infra resiliency

Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) in association with GRIDCO conducted a workshop on the outcome report of the study by Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) for enhancing power infrastructure resiliency.

Afghan flag will be part of Paralympics opening ceremony

The Tokyo Paralympics opening ceremony will feature the flag of Afghanistan as a "sign of solidarity", International Paralympic Committee chief Andrew Parsons said even as the country's athletes were forced out of the Games after Taliban's takeover. Afghan athletes were forced to withdraw from the Games as all flights out of Kabul got cancelled.

DRY RUN OVER, TIME TO REIGN

Rahane searches for consistency at Leeds after finding form at Lord's

VIVEK KRISHNAN @ Chennai

India vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane and head coach Ravi Shastri | AP

ONE of the recurring themes of Ajinkya Rahane's 76-Test career has been a scrutiny over his batting returns. While there is merit to the argument that this has been one of the more difficult eras for Test batsmen as a result of generally favourable conditions for the bowlers, his inconsistency has been a source of frustration regardless. The latest trough has come since the start of 2021, following his knock of 112 against Australia in the Boxing Day Test, with the middle-order batsman averaging just 22 in nine Tests spanning 15 innings at home and away.

As Rahane sat down for a virtual press conference on Monday ahead of the third Test against England at Leeds, his numbers would have been subjected to an even sterner gaze if not for his critical contribution of 61 in second innings of the second Test at Lord's. India were 55/3 when Rahane and Cheteshwar Pujara came together and contributed 100 runs in tandem for the fourth wicket. It has eased the pressure for now and also reiterated the value of the experience Rahane has gained over his years in the heat of the battle. Rahane is, of course, aware about the criticism that is routinely directed his way but doesn't seem to be perturbed by it. "I'm happy people are talking about me. I always believe people talk about important people. So, I'm not bothered about criticism. It's all about contributing for the team," Rahane responded to a query on the talk that swirls around his place in the team.

Rahane's knock at Lord's was exactly the kind of innings that underlines his value in this setup. He hasn't always cashed in with big centuries, but what he has done is stand up in overseas climes. His average of 43.18 away from home is testament to that, with some of his most defining contributions coming at venues like Kingsmead, Lord's and MCG. His score of 61 in the last Test may not really prop up his average but it was no less gratifying for Rahane.

"The innings was really satisfying. I always believe in contributions for the team rather than thinking from an individual perspective," Rahane said.

Perhaps, the fact that his runs came with Pujara – who was also in the spotlight – made it all the more satisfying. The duo go back a long way and have been through such situations on numerous occasions.

"Pujara and I have been playing together for very long. We know how to handle pressure. We just wanted to contribute for the team and that's what we are doing. The communication was all about thinking about the small targets and then building it from there. We backed each other."

The conditions at Headingley in Leeds are expected to be similar to what the teams have encountered in the opening two Tests. The venue has historically been conducive for swing and seam movement. If Rahane can produce a substantial score amidst this backdrop and help India take a firm step towards winning their first series in England since 2007, he will also go a long way towards silencing his detractors.

Interviews, felicitations & more: Neeraj's 15 days since gold

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

ON Sunday night, Neeraj Chopra reached Pune. With the Indian Army deciding to name a sports stadium inside the Army Sports Institute after the javelin ace, Chopra — who holds the rank of subedar — reached the city a day ahead of the planned function in the presence of defence minister. However, with the defence minister needing to be at another ceremony on Monday — last rites of Kalyan Singh, the departed former UP chief minister — the function in Pune was pushed back by a day. Now, the ceremony, in the presence of the defence minister, will happen on Tuesday according to people associated with Chopra.

Inadvertently, Monday was one of the very few relatively free days the 23-year-old has had since landing in India on the evening of August 9. In the 15 days he has been in India after winning gold at the Olympics, his diary has looked like something like this — travel, meeting, photo-op, more travel, more photo-ops, function, ceremony, meeting and more functions — on an endless loop.

Not to forget the endless interviews, some of them one-on-ones, to television channels, some of which he couldn't skip even if he wanted to. It's little wonder then that he complained of fever and had to seek treatment where he was advised rest for a few days. However, according to sources close to him, it is something, he won't be getting at least for the next week. After the assignment on Tuesday, he will be in Mumbai before going back to Delhi for more functions including in places like Chandigarh. In fact, there isn't going to be a significant gap in his diary till the first week of September. This is on top of rejecting a multitude of requests for additional photo-ops.

Originally, the plan was to take part in two back-to-back Diamond League meetings in Lausanne (Aug 26) and Paris (Aug 28) but that plan has been junked as there is no point in going to an event with zero training. Once Neeraj goes on his holidays — he isn't too fussed on it being inside or outside the country — it is expected he will get back to off-season training work in a month or so.

EXPRESS READ

Bengaluru to meet Maziya S&RC

MALE: Bengaluru FC will look to end their AFC Cup campaign on a good note when they face Maldivian side Maziya S&RC in Male on Tuesday. Both teams are out of running for knockout stages, but a win will potentially lift the Blues to second place on the group.

Af-Pak ODI series moved out of Lanka

KABUL: The ODI series between Pakistan and Afghanistan has been moved to Pakistan from Sri Lanka due to logistical issues. The three-match series was supposed to start in Hambantota on Sep 3 but commercial flights have been suspended in Kabul following Taliban's takeover.

Members elected unopposed in fencing

NEW DELHI: During their Special General Body Meeting on Friday, the Fencing Association of India conducted its elections for the post of president, vice-president (4), secretary, joint secretary (4), treasurer and executive members (10). All the candidates were elected unopposed.

Basketball team qualifies for Asia Cup

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

WHEN they lost to Saudi Arabia before defeating Palestine in the Group H of the FIBA Asia Cup qualifiers in Jeddah, the Indian men's basketball team qualification for the top continental competition was no longer in their hands. Only after Saudi Arabia's win over Palestine in the last group game on Sunday, India's passage to the 16-nation Asia Cup, scheduled for next year in Jakarta, was assured.

In fact, Vishesh Bhriguvanshi & co were only able to catch that game from the third quarter onwards as they were on the flight back to India when the game started.

After their qualification was guaranteed, there was palpable excitement on the Indian team's WhatsApp group with congratulatory messages floating around. Bhriguvanshi credited the team's pre-tournament training sessions.

"In the last two months, we had put in a lot of hard work in training. Now, it is great that we have qualified as that was our big goal. But we were expecting to do much better than this, and also wanted to win the first game (against Saudi Arabia), but it had been five months or so since we had played any sort of top competitive match so," captain Bhriguvanshi told this daily.

The Basketball Federation of India President K Govindaraj was pleased with the team's effort and announced a cash prize of ₹10 lakh as well. They have also booked a slot for the FIBA World Cup 2023 Asian qualifiers which starts from November.

However, a lot of things need to be improved if they are to compete against the best teams in Asia. Even though they qualified, India, who were the highest-ranked team in the group, were outplayed by Saudi Arabia 61-80 and only narrowly beat Palestine 79-77.

The biggest highlight, if any, was the performance of Amritpal Singh and Amjyot Singh, who scored 30 and 23 points each in the last match. If they are to come up with a good show in the Asia Cup, the big three — Amjyot, Amritpal and Bhriguvanshi — need to be on top of their game. The youngsters in the squad also need to contribute when they are called upon.

With the championship more than ten months away, they have time to prepare for the competition under the watchful eyes of coach Veselin Matic. Their World Cup qualifiers matches later in the year will help them understand where they stand ahead of Asia Cup.

"The Asia Cup is going to be a tough competition. But, our team is also quite good. And the qualifiers in November are really going to help us and there is another window in February too and it will definitely help us prepare better," Bhriguvanshi added.

Vinod: A medal contender in Paralympics in 5 years

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

BACK in 2012, Vinod Kumar was a 32-year-old living a mundane life in Rohtak. He used to run a small grocery store near the Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex, and his main highlight of the day used to be seeing fit and strong athletes thronging to the stadium for their training. Vinod may have harboured a dream of representing the country in big-ticket events, but a spinal injury suffered in 2002 had rendered him paralysed from the waist below.

Managing to earn only a meagre sum, which was only enough to keep him and wife Anita afloat, Vinod even enquired about para sports but decided not to pursue it after knowing about the expenses involved. It all changed in 2016 with Deepa Malik, currently president of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), creating history by becoming the first Indian woman to clinch a Paralympic medal in 2016. It inspired Vinod to pursue discus throw.

"That silver medal made me believe that even I can win laurels for the country," the 41-year-old Vinod told this daily from Tokyo. "Archery coach Sanjay Suhag encouraged me and introduced me to athletics coach Amarjeet Singh. I started training and won bronze in next year's national championships held in Jaipur. I repeated the feat in 2018, following which coach Satyanarayana took me to Paris in 2019 wherein the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) classified me into T/F52 category for two years," added Vinod.

He then competed in the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai and finished fourth to book a Tokyo Paralympics ticket. IPC classifies an athlete's disability only for two years.

The postponement of Tokyo Paralympics by a year meant a few athletes including Vinod had to be classified again by the IPC. Only on Sunday, it was confirmed that Vinod can compete in T/F52 category and the discus thrower is now quite confident of his chances at the Paralympics starting on Tuesday.

The journey, however, has not been that simple. Vinod got married in 2012 and he was blessed with two daughters subsequently. The expenditure grew manifold but his earnings did not increase proportionately, forcing him to take loans.

Vinod Kumar with coach Satyanarayana in Bengaluru last month

Kolkata to host Durand Cup

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FIVE Indian Super League franchises and three I-League teams will be among 16-teams vying for honours in the Durand Cup to be played in and around Kolkata, starting September 5. The tournament returns after a gap of two years.

Besides top ISL franchises FC Goa and Bengaluru FC, the other clubs from India's top division would be Kerala Blasters, Jamshedpur FC, and Hyderabad FC.Challenging them would be Mohammedan Sporting of Kolkata, who were the first Indian winners of the Cup in 1940 and who would be leading a troika of I-League challengers including defending champions Gokulam Kerala and Sudeva FC of Delhi.

FC Bengaluru United and Delhi FC will represent the second division of the Indian football whereas two Indian Army teams, a team from Indian Air Force and Indian Navy, CRPF, and the Assam Rifles round off the 16. The three venues are the Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Mohun Bagan Club Ground in Kolkata and Kalyani Municipal Stadium Ground.

LOCAL EXPRESS

Shivam MB scores ton in SUCC (2) win

BENGALURU: Swastic Union Cricket Club (2) defeated Sir Syed Cricketers by 164 runs in the KSCA Group I - I, II and III division for U19 inter club tournament. Shivam MB played a big hand in the win as his 141 propelled SUCC (2) to 308 for 6 in 50 overs. Sir Syed were all out for 144 runs.

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3.	Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	23.09.2021 upto 15:00 Hrs. (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
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Eating flavonoid-rich foods like berries, apples, pears and drinking red wine can lower systolic blood pressure levels, as well as improve greater diversity in gut microbiome, says a new study in *Hypertension*.

Cape Haitien, a port city in the north of Haiti

Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic

EXFILE • ECONOMICS

Hispaniola island remains one of world's major economic puzzles

The idiom that grass is always greener on the other side takes a literal meaning for Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the two countries on the Hispaniola island whose economic growth sharply diverged after the 1960s. The DR became one of the fastest growing countries in the world while Haiti remained one of the poorest, despite the two former European colonies being similar in terms of historical institutions and geography. Haiti has been in the news over the assassination of its president in July and the deaths of over 2,200 after an earthquake 10 days ago. The sociopolitical situation of Haiti is so dire that earthquake-relief convoys are being attacked and looted by bandits. We examine factors that could explain the stark contrast in the fortunes of these two countries. **By Aravindakshan S**

KEY PERIODS IN POLITICAL HISTORY

1804-1915
Between 1804 and the US occupation in 1915, Haiti had 33 heads of state, with an average time in power of 3.4 years (Jaramillo and Sancak, 2007)

1844-1916
For the Dominican Republic, between 1844 and the US occupation in 1916, there were 61 heads of state, with an average time in power of 1.2 years

1911
The DR's president Cáceres was assassinated, resulting in revolutions and chaos and the near-total wipeout of government institutions. Around the same time, Haiti had six presidents killed or forced into exile, leading to economic disasters

1960s
The US invaded the Dominican Republic to stabilise the country during a civil war

1994
The US sends troops to Haiti, also for political stabilisation

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

FORESTS

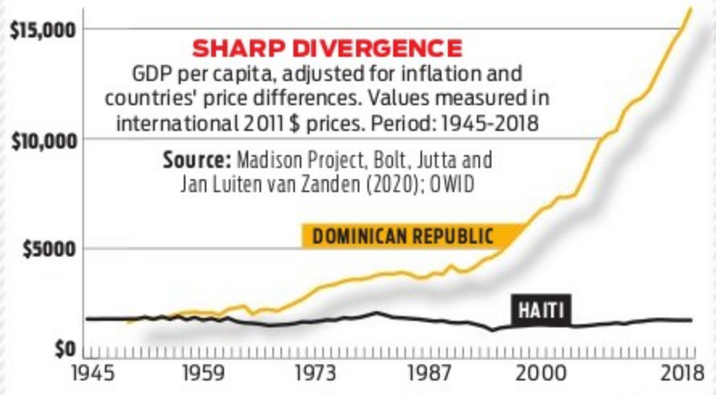
The lack of trees and biodiversity can have serious economic consequences for a country. As a 2018 *PNAS* study noted, almost all of Haiti's old-growth forest was wiped out, meaning that soil erosion has rapidly reduced the country's farm output

While this is true, the Dominican Republic has only half as much arable land as Haiti, columnist Noah Smith wrote recently. The picture above shows a border area: On the left is tree-less Haiti, on the right is the DR

POLITICS

Another factor is political instability and the policies of autocratic rulers. The DR had dictators but transitions of power were much smoother than what Haiti saw after 1950. Data indicates the DR is one of the most stable countries in the region

Genocidal dictator Rafael Trujillo ruled the DR for three decades until 1961 and took steps to modernise the economy. But in Haiti, rulers such as Francois Duvalier (1957-1971) only enriched themselves



1950
Haiti's standard of living hasn't changed since that year, while the DR has grown eight times richer than its neighbour on the island

WHAT OTHER INDICATORS SAY

Whatever the reason for the divergence in the past, the Dominican Republic today has literacy rate close to 100% while Haiti is at 60.7%. The DR has three times the density of road networks and more telecom infrastructure. The DR also has a more liberalised economy, thanks to comprehensive reforms in the 1990s

US gives first full use nod for Covid vaccine to Pfizer

Approval could pave way for making doses mandatory by institutions, local governments

MEDICINE

LES CAYES: The US gave full approval to Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine Monday, a milestone that could lift public confidence in the shots and spur more companies, universities and local governments to make vaccinations mandatory.

The Pentagon immediately announced it will press ahead with plans to require members of the military to get the shot.

The formula made by Pfizer and its German partner BioN-Tech now carries the strongest endorsement from the Food and Drug Administration, which has never before had so much evidence to judge a shot's safety.

Hundreds of millions of Pfizer doses have been administered globally since Dec. But up to now, they were dispensed in the US under what is known as emergency use authorization from the FDA.

"The public can be very confident that this vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product," acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock said in announcing full approval, which comes as the U.S. battles the most contagious coronavirus mutant yet, the delta variant.

The shot now will be known in the US as Comirnaty.

US vaccinations bottomed out in July at an average of about a half-million shots per day, down from a peak of 3.4 million a day in mid-April. As the delta variant fills hospital beds, shots are on the rise again, with a million a day given Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Just over half of the US population is fully vaccinated with one of the country's three options, from Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson.

Moderna has also applied to the FDA for full approval of its vaccine. J&J said it hopes to do so later this year.

The FDA, like regulators in Europe and elsewhere, initially allowed emergency use of Pfizer's vaccine based on a study that tracked 44,000 people 16 and older for at least two months — the time period when serious side effects arise.

That's shorter than the six months of safety data normally required for full approval. So Pfizer kept that study going, and the FDA also examined real-world safety evidence in deciding to fully license the vaccine for people 16 and older, those studied the longest. Pfizer's shot still has emergency authorization for 12- to 15-year-olds.

Even after hundreds of millions of shots, government tracking shows serious side effects remain very rare, such as chest pain and heart inflammation a few days after the second dose, mostly in young men.

As for effectiveness, six months into Pfizer's original study, the vaccine remained 97% protective against severe Covid-19. Protection against milder infection waned slightly, from a peak of 96% two months after the second dose to 84% by six months.

Delay booster doses by two months: WHO

MEDICINE

BUDAPEST: The head of the World Health Organization on Monday called for a two-month moratorium on administering booster shots of COVID-19 vaccines as a means of reducing global vaccine inequality and preventing the emergence of new coronavirus variants.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters in Hungary's capital, Budapest, that he was "really disappointed" with the scope of vaccine donations worldwide as many countries struggle to provide first and second doses to more than small fractions of their populations while wealthier nations maintain growing vaccine stockpiles.

Tedros called on countries offering third vaccine doses "to share what can be used for boosters with other countries so (they) can increase their first and second vaccination coverage."

Several countries including the US, Israel, and Hungary, as well as others in Europe and West Asia, are already offering or planning to offer their populations booster shots.

Lebanon hospitals run out of all supplies

MEDICINE

BEIRUT: Drenched in sweat, doctors check patients lying on stretchers in the reception area of Lebanon's largest public hospital. ACs are turned off, except in operating rooms and storage units, to save on fuel.

Medics scramble to find alternatives to saline solutions after the hospital ran out. The shortages are overwhelming, the medical staff exhausted. And with a new surge in coronavirus cases, Lebanon's hospitals are at a breaking point.

The country's health sector is a casualty of the multiple crises that have plunged Lebanon into a downward spiral — a financial and economic meltdown, compounded by a complete failure of the government, runaway corruption and a pandemic that isn't going away.

The collapse is all the more dramatic since only a few years ago, Lebanon was a leader in medical care in the Arab world. The region's rich and famous came to this small Mideast nation of 6 million for everything, from major hospital procedures to plastic surgeries.

Lebanon has so far registered nearly 590,000 Covid-19 cases and over 8,000 deaths.

FRUITSICLE CAKE

Baby panda Xiao Qi Ji (L) celebrates his first birthday with his mother Mei Xiang at the National Zoo in Washington | AFP

Greenland's top ice point sees rainfall

CLIMATE CRISIS

Rain fell at the highest point on Greenland's ice sheet -- possibly for the first time -- in an event Danish scientists on Monday said was most likely driven by climate change.

The rain was observed for several hours on August 14 at a measuring post more than 3,000 metres (9,800 feet) up on the sheet, the US Snow and Ice Data Center reported.

For rain to fall, temperatures must be above or just slightly below zero degrees Centigrade, signalling the risk that rising temperatures pose to the world's second-largest ice sheet after Antartica.

"This is an extreme event as it may never have happened before," Martin Stendel, a researcher at the Danish Meteorological Institute, told AFP.

"It's probable that this is a sign of global warming."

Temperatures have risen above freezing at the peak of the sheet only nine times in the past 2,000 years, he said.

Three of those events have been in the past 10 years – but on the previous two occasions, in 2012 and 2019, there was no rain, he said.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Tokyo opens O_2 stations

HEALTH

Japan on Monday opened a temporary facility in Tokyo to provide oxygen for up to 130 coronavirus patients with mild symptoms, as the capital's health care system grows severely strained. The so-called "oxygen station" in Tokyo's Shibuya district is aimed at people who develop a problem while isolating at home or waiting for hospital vacancies, and is staffed by three doctors and 25 nurses. The idea is to temporarily treat mild cases with supplementary oxygen amid growing concerns that people may get sicker — and possibly start dying at home — in the absence of medical attention. Tokyo has been under emergency measures for the majority of the year, most recently since July 12. But new daily cases have increased tenfold since then.

FDA's work questioned

MEDICINE

Several US senators are questioning the Food and Drug Administration's work with a consulting firm that helped businesses sell prescription painkillers during the nation's overdose crisis. Democrat Maggie Hassan and Republican Chuck Grassley, among others, have asked the FDA about potential conflicts of interest in its work with McKinsey. The senators wrote to the FDA noting it paid McKinsey over $140 million after hiring it several times starting in 2008. While helping the government, McKinsey "also worked for a wide range of actors in the opioid industry, including many of the companies that played a pivotal role in fueling the opioid epidemic..." the letter read.

Delta strain retreats in China

DATA

China reported no new domestic coronavirus cases Monday, and Beijing appears poised to bring to heel the pandemic's most serious resurgence in months -- driven by the highly contagious Delta variant – with mass testing and targeted lockdowns. The latest outbreak, which began in mid-July when cleaners at a Nanjing airport tested positive, is the most severe since Covid-19 first surfaced in Wuhan. Over a thousand people have been infected across dozens of cities. But Communist authorities reacted with swift lockdowns, travel curbs and mass testing of neighbourhoods as part of their "zero case" approach to the pandemic, which has virtually sealed off China's borders but allowed the economy to rebound. New domestic infections have been falling for two weeks. On Monday, National Health Commission data showed local cases returned to zero after a five week battle.

ANTIBODY TESTING

Ahead of school reopening, Israel to do sero survey for ages 3-12

RESEARCH

NETANYA: Israel on Sunday launched antibody testing for children aged as young as three, seeking information on the number of unvaccinated youths who have developed protection against coronavirus ahead of the new school year.

Despite surging daily infections caused by the highly transmissible Delta variant, Israel's government insists it wants to avoid the hardships and developmental setbacks caused by school closures.

Israel has already begun vaccinating children aged 12 and above.

The national serological survey is focused on pupils between the ages of 3 and 12 who are not yet eligible for the jab, nearly 1.5 million children.

It is aimed at discovering how many children developed strong antibody protection against coronavirus after having an unrecorded or latent case, according to the education ministry.

Those children with sufficient antibodies will not be forced to quarantine when exposed to a Covid patient, a move aimed at limiting school-year disruptions.

In a statement Sunday from the Jerusalem municipality announcing Israel's "largest serological operation", Mayor Moshe Leon urged parents to bring their children for the free 15-minute test done by finger pin-prick.

The survey is being conducted jointly by the health and education ministries and by the army's Home Front command, which told AFP Sunday that its antibody testing operation had begun.

At a serological testing site in the coastal city of Netanya, Zohar was pleasantly surprised to discover that her son had been infected with Covid.

"My son got a positive result for Corona antibodies, apparently he was sick and we did not know about it," she said.

"That means now that he will get a 'green pass' and be able to go to school safely," she said. Her younger daughter, also tested on Sunday, did not have the antibodies.

US worried over students' lack of regular vaccines

The vaccinations that US schoolchildren are required to get to hold terrible diseases like polio, measles, tetanus and whooping cough in check are way behind schedule this year, threatening further complications to a school year already marred by Covid-19.

The lag was caused by pandemic-related disruptions last year to routine doctor's visits, summer and sports camps.

Now, pediatricians and educators are scrambling to ensure that backlogs don't keep kids from school or leave them vulnerable to contagious diseases. "It's a big deal," said Richard Long, executive director of the Learning First Alliance, a partnership of education organisations.

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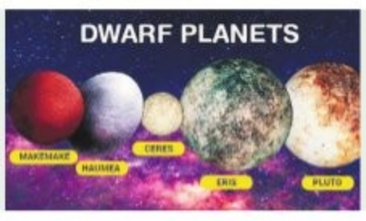
DAY'S DIARY

Pluto turns dwarf

International Astronomical Union, responsible for naming planetary bodies, downgraded Pluto to a dwarf planet on this day in 2006

OFF BY ONE RULE

The decision was a result of a vote, after members agreed that Pluto has not cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit — one of the three criteria to qualify as a planet



WHOLE NEW CATEGORY

Pluto serves as the proto-type for this class of planetary bodies; Eris and Ceres were some of the first to join Pluto in this category

QUITE A STINT

Since its discovery on February 18, 1930, by American astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, Pluto had held the status of a planet for 76 years

Yasha Shivakumar to play female lead in Dhantakathe

PG 4

STARTUP WATCH

BACKSTORY

Ruffpage is a Bengaluru-based startup founded by IT professional Arjun Dhananjay in May 2021. It offers reverse search engine services that aim to connect people, including reporters, broadcasters, professionals, friends and neighbours with similar interests.

FINANCE FUNDA

Bootstrapped with over ₹20 lakh, the startup has completed its first round of seed funding.

USP

The reverse search engine not only allows you to search what people share but you can also share what people search. One can connect to their favourite streets, schools, offices, societies, shops and share instant updates on the activities happening around these places.

TARGET AUDIENCE

It targets people who are interested in broadcasting live content, and connect with people having similar interests. Over 500 networks are already on board including colleges, corporate offices, schools and commercial establishments.

Arjun Dhananjay

CITY READ

Bengalurean receives Commendation Award

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan has awarded the Foreign Minister's Commendation to P Narasimha Karanth, the honorary secretary, Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Karnataka. He is a known for actively participating in Indo-Japan business and cultural exchange events.

ON CLOUD '9'

The spotlight is on this B'luru tween whose music was shared by American singer Alicia Keys on social media; she is being approached by talent agencies in the UK and US who want to sign her on

I wake up at 5 every morning to get onto an Insta live hosted by established artistes abroad. I sing till 9 am after which I attend school- Megan Rakesh, singer

Megan singing in Matt Goss' Instagram Live

Alicia Keys shared Megan's video on her Instagram

Megan started singing at the age of four

ANILA KURIAN

At a time when most netizens are busy hopping onto various social media trends, nine-year-old Megan Rakesh is taking the internet by storm with her rendition of songs by A-list singers Alicia Keys, Amy Winehouse, Led Zeppelin, Celine Dion, among others. And the young Bengaluru girl's songs have now caught the attention of American singer-songwriter Keys, who shared her song , *Fallin'*, on Sunday. From a fan base of 25,000 followers till Sunday, the number of Megan's followers (@megandthemiracles) has shot upto 37.6K and counting. Now, artiste management companies from the US and UK are approaching Megan to plan her talent.

Megan wakes up every morning at 5 and gets onto an Instagram live hosted by established artistes abroad, and sings till her school starts at 9 am. With the help of her parents, Rakesh VG and Anne Rakesh, she's been hopping on various Lives hosted by artistes in the UK and US. In one such live session hosted by UK content creator Danny B (@ohitsDannyB), Megan sang Keys' *Fallin'* and impressed the listeners with her mature voice. Megan says, "I'm so happy that Alicia Keys shared my video. I'm a huge fan of hers." When one of Megan's friends saw that the video had gone viral on TikTok, she asked Megan if Keys would reply to her message if she texts her. In the background during the interview, we hear Megan asking her dad to source Keys' phone number to connect.

"She's been singing since she was four," says Rakesh, a former member of the city-based band Out of Office. "She used to accompany us during all our practices and one day, during a show, she came up on stage and told us she wants to sing." Since then, Megan has sung at most open events that have taken place in the city. During last year's lockdown, Megan spent her Friday evenings singing some of her favourite songs which were recorded at home, while her dad joined in as a background singer and played the guitar. They uploaded the video on the parents' social media accounts for friends and family.

Megan with dad Rakesh VG

Rakesh got a call from a friend one day who suggested that he get on Ehsaan Noorani's Instagram Live as he brought on people to showcase their talent. "We got lucky and he picked our request and Megan sang Led Zeppelin's *Rock and Roll*. He was so impressed that it encouraged us to start her own Instagram page," he says.

As they didn't find many opportunities such as this for Megan to sing classic rock songs, they explored international accounts for Megan to showcase her talent. Due to the pandemic, many show hosts were conducting live sessions, and thanks to Megan's popularity, she was called to sing live with X-factor singer Jake Qukenden, UK content creators Dan, Deanie and Adam, and singer Matt Goss. She's also impressed Hariharan with her version of *Krishna Nee Begane Baaro*, who said "Megan has a great bass voice".

Singer Talia Dean, who has released a single with Queen's Brian May, saw Megan live and offered a voice masterclass on Zoom. "Unfortunately, we had a tech glitch," adds Rakesh.

Chetan Rampal and Manu Chandra

EXPRESS FEATURES

Taking a bao

New beginnings are in the offing for chef Manu Chandra, a prominent face in the city's F & B scene, as he moves on from the Olive Group of Restaurants, including The Fatty Bao

HE introduced the city to new terms such as gastro-pubs, sustainable, and homegrown. Now, chef Manu Chandra, who is popular in the city's F&B scene, has hung up his apron. On Monday, the managing director of Olive Group of Restaurants, AD Singh, announced that partners Manu Chandra and Chetan Rampal were moving on from the group. Chandra and Rampal were the names and faces behind brands such as Olive Bar & Kitchen, Monkey Bar, The Fatty Bao and Toast & Tonic.

Taking to social media, Chandra shared details about his departure with a picture of his apron hung on the wall captioned, 'So long, and thanks for all the Baos'. "To be a part of the most cherished and important moments of our lives is a privilege! And one that has been mine for 17 years as a chef at Olive Beach, and subsequently as a partner with the company. It is wrenching to walk away from the many spaces that I have built, and which have been home for these precious milestones in your life. And this departure is no less of a milestone in my journey as a chef," he shared.

He recalled having landed in Delhi in 2004, armed with the experience of being a fine-dining chef in New York. As a chef in his early 20s, he often found himself overqualified for some positions, and too young for others. "A chance meeting opened the road to Olive - then a relatively new restaurant with a presence in Mumbai and Delhi, and planning a third outpost in distant and still unknown Bangalore," he shared. Looking at it as an opportunity, Chandra arrived here "and so began a journey, nay, a love affair, that has lasted 17 years," he says.

About the opening of Monkey Bar, introducing Fatty Bao to the city, the closure of Likethatonly, reviving gin with Toast & Tonic and introducing Chinese restaurant Cantan, Chandra adds, "I will be indebted for all that I have learned, and for the privilege for mentoring those who worked beside me. I can often be a difficult person to work with, but my occasional failings have never dimmed the immense gratitude for their efforts and talent."

As Chandra says, he's "jumping out that plane again, but secured this time by the greater ballast of proven success and hard-won experiences, a wry sense of humour untempered with time, and still no greys."

XPRESS FOCUS

Ramaiah Picks 24 Star Start-ups for recognition

(Sitting -- From left to right) Muralikrishnan Gopalakrishnan - CEO, Ramaiah Evolute; Samartha Raghava Nagabhushanam - Chief Strategist & Chief Mentor; M.R Seetharam - Hon'ble Vice Chairman, GEF & Director, RIT; DR. M R Jayaram - Hon'ble Chairman, GEF; M R Ramaiah - Hon'ble Secretary, GEF & Director -RIT; B.S. Ramaprsad - Chief Executive (GEF Engg & General Sciences); M R Kodandaram - Director -RIT

The Ramaiah Group of Institutions, as part of its Ramaiah Evolute programme, gave away the Star Start-up Awards to 24 selected start-ups that were picked for recognition from across the country. The Star Start-up Award is in line with the Group's vision of encouraging innovation and coming up with products and processes using next generation technology while giving a fillip to emerging entrepreneurs.

"The 24 start-ups were selected based on the level of technology opted, the innovative spirit, the novelty of the initiative, the indigenous nature of the solution offered and the impact on society, both in terms of the area of work as well as reach in terms of affordability", stated Muralikrishnan Gopalakrishnan, Chief Executive Officer, Ramaiah Evolute.

"The recognised start-ups cover multiple domains and segments that promise to have an intense socialImpact such as geospatial technology to aid farmers, inventions in the space of molecular biology to meet current pandemic challenges, safety and hygiene solutions for women in public spaces, solving critical child health issues, non-invasive screening for type-2 diabetes detection, innovative magnetic Nanotechnology for affordable cancer diagnosis and therapy, innovative technological solution to arrest water theft and leakages across the country, to mention just a few," said Samartha Nagabhushanam, advisor on board and Chief Strategist, Ramaiah Evolute.

(From left to right)Parag Gulhane - Co Founder, MakerInMe Technologies; M.R Seetharam - Vice Chairman, GEF & Director, RIT; Harish Gulhane - Co Founder, MakerInMe Technologies; M R Ramaiah - Secretary, GEF & Director -RIT; DR. M R Jayaram - Chairman, GEF

According to Seetharam, Vice Chairman of Ramaiah Group of Institutions, the key focus, besides giving a platform for emerging entrepreneurial talent to grow, was to offer to the country innovative ventures using next generation technologies. M R Jayaram, Chairman of the Ramaiah Group concurred and said that caring for the vulnerable sections of the society has been the core value system of the Ramaiah Group. "The 24 selected start-ups meet the criteria amply through their social focus and affordable technological initiatives," he stated.

The Bengaluru International Short Film Festival has received over 3,000 entries so far, with short filmmakers zooming in on the pandemic-induced life

Lens on lifestyle

A still from the short film Smaya

SANATH PRASAD

THE pandemic extending upto 2032, a grandmother signing up on Tinder, a village that is unaware of the pandemic and refuses to come to terms with the health crisis...These are some of the stories that filmmakers are delving into in these pandemic-ridden times. The Bengaluru International Short Film Festival (BISFF) is gearing up to organise the 2021 edition of the festival starting August 28.

This time around, the curators of the event faced many first-time situations that left them shocked, impressed and in awe. With the pandemic setting in during March 2020, many film production studios were shut and the creative industry found it hard to cope with the situation. However, the organisers of BISFF were in for a pleasant surprise when they received over 3,000 short film submissions from all over the world between February and April 2020. According to BISFF, the number of women filmmakers has increased this time, with 50 per cent of the overall submissions coming in from women. In addition, 50 per cent of them are first-time filmmakers in the overall category. Under the Karnataka competition category, there are nine first-timers out of the 20 filmmakers who have submitted their entries.

Anand Varadaraj, artistic director and founder of BISFF, was under the assumption that participation would be much less compared to the previous years, owing to the pandemic. However, the surge in OTT content and the in-depth writing reflected in the OTT format has influenced many young filmmakers to produce out-of-the-box works. "We are finding it difficult to judge and short-list the films this time because the content is just brilliant. The jury is struggling to decide upon the final films. This is a positive challenge for us. With many submissions coming in from women filmmakers, for the first time we have introduced a new category called 'Women's Cinema Collective'," says Varadaraj.

Debutante filmmaker Meghana Jagannath, whose film *Smaya*, has been shortlisted for BISFF, believes that the issue around abandoning autistic children has pushed her to direct a film based on developmental disability. "This is my first film and I always wanted to pursue a subject with a social cause. *Smaya* revolves around how autistic children are blessed with talent, and there's a need to be inclusive rather than cornering them to the wall," says Jagannath, whose film has already won several accolades for the 'Best Awareness Short Film' and 'Best Debut Director' category in Mumbai International Short Film Awards and Chennai International Short Film Festival, respectively.

The pandemic also impeded the plans of the post-production process, which forced filmmakers to extend the project deadline for at least eight to nine months. Surya Rangathanan, a screenplay writer and director of the short film *Namak*, says, "We wrapped the film shooting in December 2019. But due to the lockdown, our post production work stretched until October 2020. In addition, coming to a consensus with other team members was a challenge considering we were working remotely."

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– Anand Varadaraj, founder, BISFF

WRITING COURSE

Join the online course conducted by the legendary Ruskin Bond where he will guide the participants, leading them to the path of being a good writer. **When:** Aug 28-31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Presentation Skill is an online workshop hosted by Shasat faculty members that is designed to help you and your team to find your style and cope with different formats. Whether you are to present to the boardroom or stage online, this will be beneficial. **When:** Sept 3 **Details:** allevents.in

ONLINE GUITAR CLASSES

Learn the guitar online with Ultimate Beginner Guitar Master-class. You can learn the tips and tricks to play the instrument with ease and confidence. **When:** Till Aug 31 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

YOGA WORKSHOP

'Gentle yoga for terrible times' is an online event by Joyce Wu, where people will be taught simple and accessible breathing exercises, stretches, and guided meditation for mind, body and soul. **When:** Aug 29 **Details:** eventbrite.com

LAUGH OUT LOUD TO **SUHAS NAVARATNA'S** VACCINATED JOKES AT CAFE AZZURE, HSR. **WHEN:** AUG 26 ONWARDS **DETAILS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Develop Language Skills

'How to Manifest Your Desires' is a workshop that aims at helping you learn to reinforce different manifestation methods in a simple and easy language; it will help you to better manifest your desires. This is an online event conducted by instructor law of attraction author- David Neustein. **When**: Aug 26 **Details:** eventbrite.com

Kathak Training

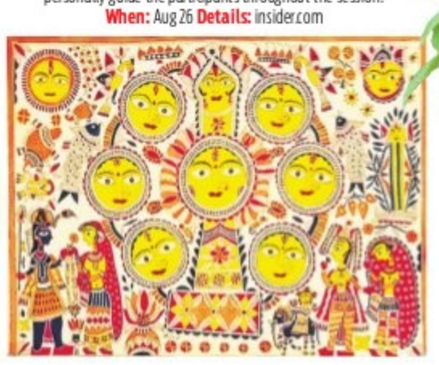
Kathak for beginners is an online course by Skyll. This course will introduce students to basic movements and compositions of Kathak dance. This platform also offers a further continuation of the course up to the advanced level. **When:** Aug 24 - Sept 18 **Details:** insider.in

Resin Art Workshop

Comb and Assorted Pendants Resin Art Workshop by the Drawing Room is an online event where instructors teach you to make DIY resin accessories, which include 15 different types of pendants that can be used for earrings or keychains. **When:** Aug 29 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Madhubani Workshop

Indulge yourself in learning Madhubani Painting that originated in Madhubani district of Mithila region of Bihar. Folk artist Praneet Kaur will personally guide the participants throughout the session. **When:** Aug 26 **Details:** insider.com



Learn Kokedama

If you love gardening and are looking to learn the breathing art, then Kokedama workshop is the right place for you. These are Japanese String gardens which you can place on table or hang on your wall. Saves a lot of space, very clean, interesting wall pieces and has very low maintenance. **When:** Aug 26 **Details:** insider.com

Art Workshop

This art is rooted in folk tales and culture. These paintings depict almost every aspect of the tribe's lives. This workshop by The Circle Community is an online guided session that aims at introducing Gond Art to its participants. **When:** Aug 25 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

CHILLI PICKLE

INGREDIENTS

- **Chillies** (Jalapeños): 20 ■ **Lemons:** 5 ■ **Mustard:** 50 g
- **Turmeric** 25g ■ **Mustard oil:** 1/2 cup ■ **Hing:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Salt:** 3 tbsp

METHOD

- Wash, dry, de-seed and cut the chillies into half-inch pieces.
- Grind mustard along with turmeric, hing and salt into a fine powder. Heat mustard oil in a medium pan and allow it to cool.
- Add the powdered masala, chillies and lemon juice into the pan and mix well.
- Transfer into a clean glass jar. Keep in the sun for three days. Refrigerate. Serve with stuffed parathas.

-Mythili Ramaprasad, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

MARICHYASANA D
(SEATED SPINAL TWIST)

In Sanskrit, Marichi means 'ray of light' and asana means 'pose.' It is a seated twist with one leg bent into a squat position and one leg in Padmasana. It is named after the sage, Marichi. It forms part of the primary series in Ashtanga yoga, where it is fourth in sequence. The sage, Marichi, is a mythological Hindu figure and the son of Brahma. This is a cleansing and purifying pose. This stimulates and energises as it improves the flow of prana throughout the body. It is a good posture for teaching the importance of patient, consistent practice.

STEPS

- Sit on the floor with your legs straight. Bend your right leg at the knee and place right foot on the root of the left thigh. Your right heel should be pressed against the navel.
- Then, bend your left leg at the knee, keeping the sole of the left foot and the heel flat on the floor. Keep your shin perpendicular to the floor.
- Exhaling, twist your spine to the left, so that the right armpit touches the outer part of your left thigh.
- Place your right shoulder ahead of the left knee and extend the right arm, twisting the spine even more to the left. Take a breath.
- Exhale, circle your right arm around the left knee, bend the right elbow and place your right hand behind the waist. Your left knee is tightly closed in the right armpit. Take a breath.
- While exhaling deeply, twist your left hand behind the shoulder and hold your right hand behind the back with your left hand. Stretch your chest and pull your spine up.
- Stay in this position for 30 seconds. Release hands and straighten legs.
- Repeat on the other side.
- Release the pose and relax.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens muscle of the neck, legs, shoulders.
- Tones the abdominal muscles, liver, spleen and cease to be sluggish.
- Open the chest and shoulders.
- Relieves shoulder sprain and dislocation of shoulder joint and frees movement of shoulder.

LIMITATIONS

- Those with a stomach or peptic ulcer, hernia or hyperthyroidism, spinal cord injury or slip disc problems should practise under the guidance of a yoga expert.
- Avoid in case of diarrhea or upset stomach. Practise for a short time in case of headache, migraine or insomnia.
- Women should avoid this during pregnancy and menstruation.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ADHYAKSHA

Chandru and Aishwarya, two classmates, assist each other during difficult times in their lives. However, trouble begins when they end up falling in love with each other.

- Cast: Sharan, Chikkanna

TARAK

Tarak moves to India after his parents' deaths and soon falls in love with Meera, a kind and selfless woman. However, their relationship soon hits a rough patch.

- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Devaraj

GOOGLY

Sharath and Swathi meet in Bangalore and fall in love but due to misunderstandings, they drift apart. However, a few years later, destiny brings them face to face at a friend's wedding.

- Cast: Yash, Kirti Kharbanda

KIRATHAKA

Nandisha, a gambler and drinker, falls in love with Nethra, who belongs to a rival village. He then decides to elope with her but has to deal with the rivalry between their communities.

- Cast: Yash, Oviya

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW THEATRE WEATHERS WARS, OUTLASTS EMPIRES AND SURVIVES PANDEMICS

BY CARA GREENE EPSTEIN

When catastrophe strikes, art prevails and has done so for centuries. Writer and director Cara Greene Epstein places the closing of theatres during the pandemic in a historical context, exploring how we can use this intermission to imagine a representative and beautiful world.

2 HOW KIDS CAN HELP DESIGN CITIES

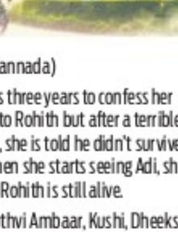
BY MARA MINTZER

Adults tend to think of kids as "future citizens". But kids make up a quarter of the population, so shouldn't they have a say in what the world they'll inherit will look like? Urban planner Mara Mintzer shares what happened when she and her team asked kids to help design a park in Boulder, Colorado – and how it revealed an important blind spot in the way we construct the build environment.

3 5 STEPS FOR CLEAN AIR IN INDIA

BY ARUNABHA GHOSH

India's big cities have some of the worst air quality in the world. How can we fix this public health crisis? Social entrepreneur Arunabha Ghosh lays out a five-step plan to put India on the path to cleaner, safer air.



4 SCIENCE IN SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC GOOD

BY SIDDHARTHA ROY

Siddhartha Roy helped prove Flint's water was contaminated, and tells a story of science in service to public good, calling on the next generation of scientists and engineers to help to protect people and planet.

5 A COUNTRY WITH NO WATER

BY FAHAD AL-ATTIYA

Imagine a country with abundant power – oil and gas, sunshine, wind (and money) –but missing one key essential for life: water. Infrastructure engineer Fahad Al-Attiya talks about the unexpected ways that the small Middle Eastern nation of Qatar creates its water supply.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KAITHI (Tamil)

Dilli, an ex-convict, endeavours to meet his daughter for the first time after leaving the prison. However, his attempts are interrupted due to a drug raid planned by Inspector Bejoy.

Cast: Karthi, Black Shep Deepthi, Arjun Das

- Watch on: Disney + Hotstar

KAPPELA (Malayalam)

A young woman falls in love with a man after dialling his number by mistake. However, when she visits his city to meet him, a stranger named Roy enters her life.

Cast: Anna Ben Nayaramba, Roshan Mathew, Sreenath Bhasi

- Watch on: Netflix

ROBERRT (Kannada)

Raghava lives with his son and is the head cook in a Brahmin's catering unit. He lives peacefully, wanting the best for his son. All seems to go well until some skeletons tumble out of his closet and he is forced to take on his original avatar.

Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Asha Bhat, Sonal Monteiro

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

PSYCHO (Tamil)

When Dahini, a radio jockey, is kidnapped by a psychopath, her lover, Gautham, fails to save her due to his blindness. Later, he sets out to rescue her in time with a former police officer's help.

Cast: Aditi Rao Hydari, Udhayanidhi Stalin, Nithya Menen

- Watch on: Netflix

ANGREZI MEDIUM (Hindi)

Though Champak initially disapproves, he eventually does everything in his power while going through a series of hilarious mishaps to fulfil his daughter's dream of going to London to study further.

Cast: Radhika Modan, Irrfan Khan, Ananya Pandey

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SHUBH MANGAL SAAVDHAN (Hindi)

A shy boy, Mudit, manages to woo Sugandha and the two decide to get married. However, before the wedding, their relationship undergoes a setback as they discover his erectile dysfunction.

Cast: Ayushman Khurrana, Bhumi Pednekar, Anshul Chauhan

- Watch on: Google Play Movies

DIA (Kannada)

Dia takes three years to confess her feelings to Rohith but after a terrible accident, she is told he didn't survive. Later, when she starts seeing Adi, she finds out that Rohith is still alive.

Cast: Pruthvi Ambaar, Kushi, Dheekshith Shetty

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

LA LA LAND (ENGLISH)

Sebastian and Mia are drawn together by their common desire to do what they love. But as success mounts, they are faced with decisions that begin to fray the fragile fabric of their love affair and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.

Cast: Emma Stone, Ryan Gosling, John Legend

- Streaming: Netflix

THE PLATFORM (SPANISH)

In the future, prisoners housed in vertical cells watch as inmates in the upper cells are fed while those below starve.

Cast: Alexandra Masangkay, Ivan Massague and Zorion Egulleor

- Streaming: Netflix

THE MITCHELLS VS. THE MACHINES (ENGLISH)

As Young Katie and her family plans to bond with each other, they soon get interrupted when the world's electronic devices come to life to stage an uprising.

With the help from two friendly robots, the Mitchells come together to save one another and the planet from the new technological revolution.

Cast: Abbi Jacobson, Michael Rianda and Danny Mc-Bride

- Streaming: Netflix

THE INTOUCHABLES (FRENCH)

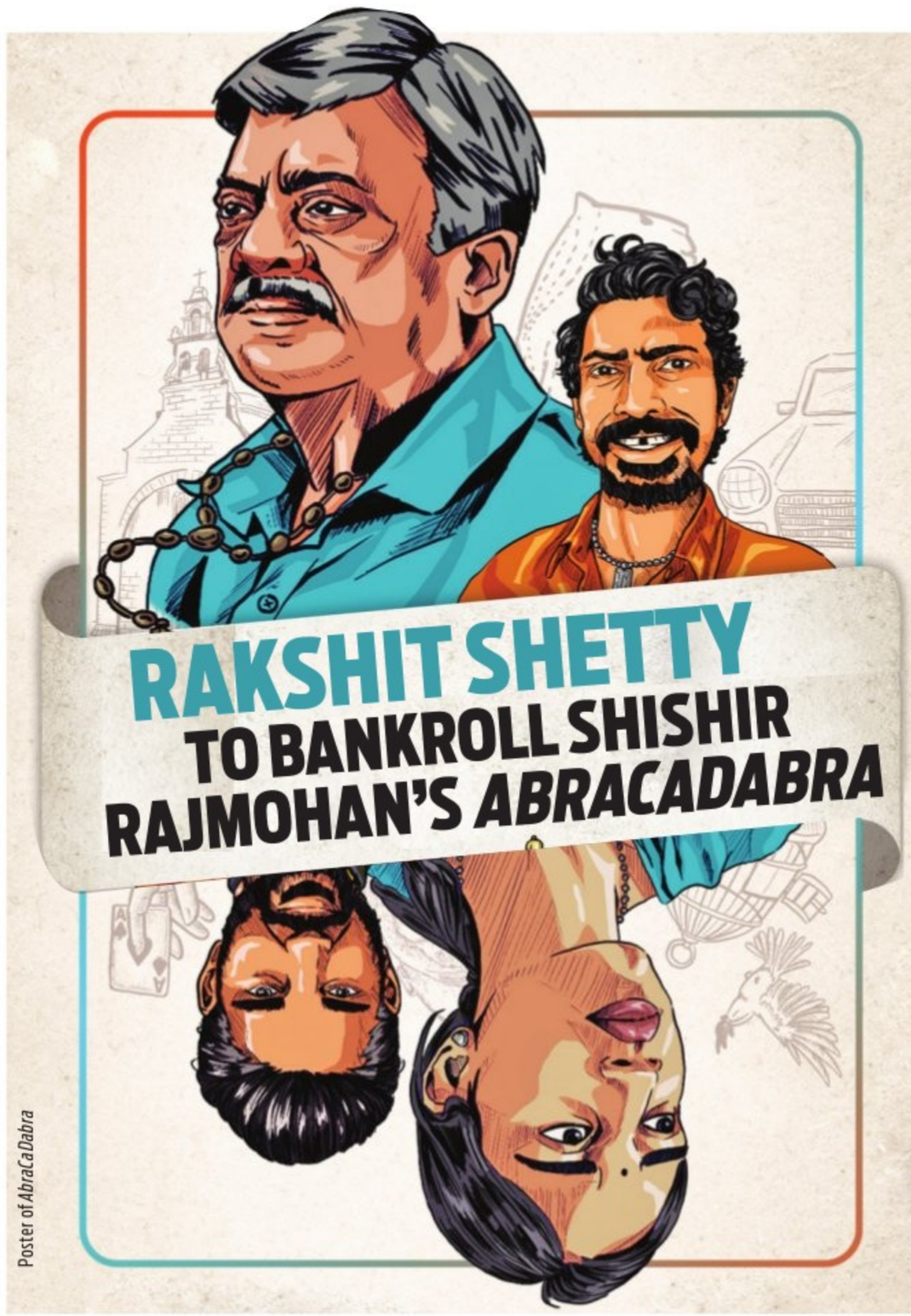
A Parisian aristocrat, quadriplegic since a paragliding accident, hires a young man to be his live-in caretaker. Although very different, the two men bond and develop a close friendship.

Cast: Omar Sy, Francois Cluzet and Audrey Fleurot

- Streaming: YouTube

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Voot: ₹ 299 per year



RAKSHIT SHETTY TO BANKROLL SHISHIR RAJMOHAN'S *ABRACADABRA*

Poster of *AbraCaDabra*

The emotional drama starring senior actor Anant Nag brings together a kaleidoscope of characters and their quests for truth, validation, and redemption

CE FEATURES

RAKSHIT Shetty's Paramvah Studios, which have previously produced films like *Kirk Party, Humble Politician Nograj*, and yet to be released Sakutumba Sametha, is bankrolling yet another project. Helmed by debutant writer and director Shishir Rajmohan, the film is titled *AbraCaDabra*.

An official announcement was made by the production house on Monday. "A kaleidoscope of characters searching for their true identity, their quest for truth, validation, and redemption! @ParamvahStudios is proud to announce its next act! #*Abracadabra* starring Anant Nag(sic)," tweeted Rakshit Shetty along with a creative poster created by Varsha Kodgi, which gives a glimpse of the characters.

An emotional drama brings together an array of interesting actors. Veteran actor Anant Nag is playing a prominent role in the film, which also stars Siri Ravikumar, BV Shrunga, and Avinash Rai.

The first-time director Shishir Rajmohan has earlier worked in short films and ad commercials. He has also worked closely with Rakshit Shetty and his production house.

Shishir, who is planning to start the shoot on August 26, explains that the title *AbraCaDara* is just not a magic chant but has a lot of significance to the theme of the film. "The subject deals with quests of realisation, validation, identity, and ambition. About the rights and wrongs and everything," he says.

> Siri Ravi Kumar plays a young woman, and BV Shrunga plays a magician. We have Avinash Rai, who plays a man battling his complexes
>
> Shishir Rajmohan, director

The director also gives a brief description of the characters in the film. Anant Nag plays a man who is trying to make sense of his life. "On the other hand, Siri Ravi Kumar plays a young woman, and BV Shrunga plays a magician. We have Avinash Rai, who plays a man battling his complexes," says the director, who has also penned the story of *AbraCaDabra*.

The technical crew of the *AbraCaDabra*, produced by G S Gupta and Rakshit Shetty, is yet to be finalised. So far, cinematographer G S Bhaskar and sound design engineer Anandrag Veyattummal have been in for the film. The team is planning to shoot in Bengaluru and Udupi.

Yasha Shivakumar to play female lead in *Dantakathe*

THE *Padavi Poorva* actor is paired alongside Vasishta Simha in the film, directed by Vachan

Yasha Shivakumar

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Yasha Shivakumar has been roped in to star as the female lead opposite Vasishta Simha in director Vachan's *Dantakathe*.

An official announcement regarding the same will be done before the film goes on floors in mid-September.

Dantakathe follows two police officers who are assigned to work on a case. The film also features Kishore, who will be seen in a pivotal role, Ravi Shankar, Chikkanna, and Dharmanna Kadur.

Yasha, who is making her feature debut with *Padavi Poorva*, also has *Raj Sounds and Lights, Bairagee*, and *Deadly 3* in various stages of production. She will start shooting for *Bahadhur Gandu* in September.

Dantakathe has music scored by Anoop Seelin and cinematography by Naveen Kumar.

Vasishta Simha

Vishal Bhardwaj' son Aasmaan turns director with *Kuttey*

CE FEATURES

VISHAL Bhardwaj's son Aasmaan Bhardwaj is making his directorial debut. On Monday, Aasmaan shared the motion poster of his first feature, *Kuttey*. The film stars Arjun Kapoor, Naseeruddin Shah, Tabu, Konkona Sen Sharma, Radhika Madan, Shardul Bhardwaj and Kumud Mishra.

Kuttey is a caper-thriller co-written by Aasmaan and Vishal Bhardwaj. Co-produced by Vishal and *Luv Ranjan*, the film will go on floors in end-2021.

Aasmaan has completed his bachelors in filmmaking at the School Of Visual Arts, NYC. He has assisted his father on films like on *7 Khoon Maaf, Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola* and *Pataakha*.

Talking about *Kuttey*, Vishal Bhardwaj says, "'*Kuttey*' is extremely special to me as it is my first collaboration with Aasmaan and I'm excited to see what he does with it. Luv Films and Vishal Bhardwaj Films are also coming together for the first time and I am immensely excited about this association, as I really admire Luv's brave attitude towards filmmaking and strong commercial sense. I have worked with Naseer Sahab, Tabu, Konkona and Radhika on different films throughout my career and Aasmaan has brought them all together in one film itself. We cannot wait for the audience to witness this captivating thriller on the big screen."

The film's music will be scored by Vishal Bhardwaj with lyrics by Gulzar.

PRIYANKA UPENDRA TO PLAY DETECTIVE IN HER NEXT

The actor will be seen as Detective Teekshna in director Trivikrama Raghu's bilingual

CE FEATURES

PRIYANKA Upendra is playing the role of a detective named Teekshna in her upcoming project directed by debutant director Trivikrama Raghu. The director has also penned the story, screenplay, and dialogues of the film. Trivikrama has earlier assisted directors in various popular films.

The film made in Kannada and Telugu, bankrolled by Goutam Cinemas Pvt Ltd in association with Sridevi Chamundi Creations banner, has Priyanka Upendra donning an interesting character.

The makers, who made an official announcement of the film recently, will be revealing the title on the day of the muhurath. The team is currently in the process of finalising the rest of the star cast and the music director. However, the makers have zeroed in on cinematographer Manu Dasappa and editor Venky UDV for the film.

The shooting of this yet-to-be-titled project is planned in locations of Bengaluru, Moodigere, Chikmagalur, and Uppinangady. Meanwhile, Priyanka Upendra has completed shooting for *Ugravatara*.

Priyanka Upendra

BHOOL BHULAIYAA 2 RESUMES SHOOTING

CE FEATURES

KARTIK Aaryan and Tabu have resumed shooting for *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2*. In production since last year, the film's shoot was delayed due to the second wave of COVID-19.

Kartik posted a picture with Tabu and wrote, "Begin Again #*BhoolBhulaiyaa2*". The actors are shooting in Mumbai.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 is directed by Anees Bazmee and written by Farhad Samji and Aakash Kaushik.

Kartik's upcoming release is Dhamaka on Netflix. He'll also be in *Freddy, Satyanarayan Ki Katha* and *Captain India*.

Tabu was last seen in *A Suitable Boy* and *Jawaani Jaaneman*.

Elizabeth Olsen supports Scarlett Johansson in Disney lawsuit row

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Elizabeth Olsen has backed her Avengers: Age of Ultron co-star Scarlett Johansson in her legal battle against Disney. We had earlier reported that Johansson has initiated legal action against the studio for violating her contract and simultaneously releasing her recent MCU outing, Black Widow, on Disney Plus and theatres on the same day.

In a recent interview, Olsen said "I think she's so tough and literally when I read (about the legal proceedings) I was like, 'Good for you Scarlett.'"

Olsen went on to add that she is "worried about small movies getting the opportunity to be seen in theatres. I like going to the movies and I don't necessarily want to see only an Oscar contender or a blockbuster. I would like to see art films and art house theatre."

Olsen has recently reprised her character, Wanda Maximoff, in Marvel's first TV series, WandaVision, and is also set to appearing *Doctor Strange* in the Multiverse of Madness. Meanwhile, *Black Widow* will be skipping theatres in India to premiere directly on Disney+ Hotstar.

Taking home gatherings a notch up are Bengalureans who are opting for professional dinner table set-ups

TURNING TABLES

SUDESHNA DUTTA

THE pandemic may have come in the way of partying. But here in the city, Bengalureans are reinventing the way they hold intimate gatherings. They are now turning to professionals to set up their dining tables to create different kinds of looks. From providing furniture to fabric, flowers, table centres, lights and candles, everything is focused upon setting the mood for the event, says Anjana Thomas, founder of The Whole Nine Yards, an event planning company which specialises in dinner set-ups. "People have smaller groups of friends and families and so, the demand for a cozy set-up has risen in recent times," she says.

The theme of the tablescape can be either vintage or giltz and glamour, depending on the mood that the client wants to set in. For instance, Pratiksha Kataria's disco theme is a rage among young adults. The founder of Tablescapes By P, who started the brand last year, says she was overwhelmed with party orders for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, etc during the pandemic. "I do only six set-ups a month, complete with my personal touch and supervision at every occasion. I don't charge according to the number of guests. Whatever be the event, be it in a private garden or at a hotel room, my packages start from ₹ 15,000," says Kataria, who gets additional materials like candles, specific kind of cutlery, etc from her own inventory to the event, if need-be.

A dining set-up for small parties created by Naadia Mirza

Naadia Mirza, co-founder and director of Dotted I, a quirky gifting brand, finds herself creating intimate sit-down dinners or a set-up for small parties with a handful of people. "We customise according to how people want the setting to be," says Mirza, who also runs another brand called Naadia Mirza & Co, which only focuses on table styling, as they are, according to her, an important part of the whole indoor event. "We accentuate whatever people have at home and enhance the environment by using our products as part of the theme chosen by them," she says.

Even flower studios like Flower Box are helping in beautifying your table set-up. "Besides floral gifts like bouquets and hampers, we get requests for dinner setups, baby showers and every occasion that can be celebrated or observed. Clients are mostly looking for very fresh, long-lasting flowers, eye-catching designs and great service," says Meghaa Modi, flower design artist and founder, Flowerbox.

CLEARING THE CLUTTER

Decluttering the house prior to a party is a huge task. In fact, Rohini Rajagopalan, a certified professional organiser and founder of Organise With Ease, has been getting multiple requests during the lockdown. "Having a decluttered home ensures you don't have to stress prior to hosting anyone or having an event at home. It also helps optimise your space and know exactly what you own, thus making it easier to plan such events," she says.

A disco-themed tablescape created by Pratiksha Kataria

WANDERING IN AN ALIEN DIMENSION

OPEN SPACE
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WHERE do you plan to go after India?" I asked.

"Thailand, perhaps."

"After that?"

"Backpack across North America."

"Then?"

"I do not know, Tina. I do not plan these things. It does not matter where I go, you know. I can never get back to Jordan!"

The young man squatting before me laughed awkwardly. The smile did not reach his large, green-tinted eyes. To me, he was the epitome of all the ills of our civilization.

Mahmoud Sabeel, who I met in my University library several years ago, was a Palestinian, hailing from Jordan. It took me a while to comprehend his English accent. He told me his father was a computer programmer in Jordan. He had four sisters and six aunts. He spoke to me because I was looking for books on displacement and he was interested in stories on alienation. After keenly listening about my paper, he suggested several books and the very next day even volunteered to lend me some using his library card. Taken aback by such a display of generosity, I was remorseful - for trying to avoid him initially.

As soon as they realised that he was Palestinian, his classmates would shun him. Every moment of his life pulled up his identity as a Muslim. Whenever he saw boys playing cricket, he recollected the football fields back home. Mahmood had just graduated from Aligarh University, after which he had visited Afghanistan, only to return utterly disappointed. "It is horrible over there," he told me. He also mentioned leaving behind a girlfriend at AU, when her parents suggested they get married and 'settle' there. "Why did you leave?" I asked. "I was scared. I cannot live in a place permanently. Maybe she is married now," he laughed again.

He told me that he was very impulsive. "You are a foreigner here. Be very careful," I warned him. "I know. Outrage is the worst. I feel much calmer when I shop for things here. However, back at home, that is how it is. People are angry all the time. One of my cousins, barely sixteen, participated in a protest rally. He had stones in hand. They had guns. It's been four months since he died! " he smiled wistfully.

He too had aspirations, needed good friends and had notions about life. However, the insecurity-driven nomadic instinct would not let him stay anywhere. Here was a child of a strife-ridden 21st century. I have no idea how many more exiled children will have to wander across the globe, displaced culturally, existentially and philosophically at the same time.

The clouds of Shravana month gather and I spot a Greater Coucal looking for a stray snake. Many of my friends have been writing about horrors taking place in Afghan land. It is hard to imagine the trauma surrounding such conflict zones. I recall a few lines from Tabish Khair's poem 'Immigrant':

Once I had a voice.
Now I have legs.
Sometimes I wonder
Was it fair trade?

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What does it take to be a composer?

Composing and scoring are great outlets for one's creativity and storytelling ability

TUNING IN
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IN the last year, there has been a huge upsurge in adults seeking hobbies that promote mindfulness or joy. The time saved from not travelling coupled with the potential end of the world has led us to realise that we deserve to be happy, not just productive (although being happy makes us more productive too!)

In the musical space, more adults than ever are signing up to sing, play an instrument, learn music production and compose. This trend to understand composition is an interesting well, not only because composition is a great creative outlet, but also because composing using to be viewed as something that could only be attempted by an expert.

Award-winning film composer Shantanu Moitra believes that anyone can compose, and that's true. Composing and scoring are great outlets for one's creativity and storytelling ability.

Here are some tips to get started:

Be open-minded

Start by listening. Listen to many different styles of music. Understand them. Interpret them. Analyse them. See what resonates with you, and what doesn't. If it doesn't, could you try and understand it better?

Be a storyteller

Use composing to communicate a story. If you're scoring for a film, think of how your music can take the story forward. If you're composing for yourself, what story do you want to tell?

Don't worry too much about instrumental expertise

Is it great to know an instrument? Yes. Is it absolutely necessary to master the piano or guitar before you string two notes together in your own way? No. Just start somewhere. Grow from there. If you can hum or whistle, start from there.

Don't overcomplicate things

Sometimes a simple composition could be the best way to get your message across. Don't worry too much about being extremely virtuosic or complex at the beginning.

Find a process that works for you

There is no one size fits all method. Start working towards it, and find your own creative process.

Being a great composer is a lifelong pursuit, no doubt. But whether you're starting because composing brings you joy, or you want to be the next Mozart, today feels like a great day to start.

Working on the body? Don't neglect your skin

MISHA RAJANI

PHYSICAL workouts are great for the body and mind, but only taking care of the physique isn't enough to stay healthy. A workout session causes sweating and accumulation of dust and bacteria on the skin, causing skin problems. Dr P Swapna Priya, a dermatologist, cosmetologist and trichologist, points out that sweat causes bacteria and dust to seep into the skin. "Working out not only causes sweat but also leads to dehydration of the skin. This is why it is important to have a good workout skincare routine to prevent acne, reduce irritation and sunburns, and improve hydration," she says.

Model and fitness enthusiast Tanvi Akaanksha Koppineedi suggests washing the face with a facial mist will help refresh the skin. "If you are working indoors, you can use a light moisturiser but if you are working outdoors you should use sunscreen. Before you begin your workout, apply moisturiser and lip balm so that your lips aren't chapped after a workout," she says.

SKINCARE TIPS

PRE-WORKOUT

Cleanse: Wash your face before you start working out, this will make you feel relaxed and fresh. Take off all makeup as it blocks pores and sweat glands, which makes it hard for your skin to breathe

Moisturise: Sweating can dehydrate your skin. To avoid this, apply a moisture. This will smoothen the texture of your skin. You can also use a serum as it helps refresh the face

SPF protection: If you are working out in the sun, apply a sunscreen as this will prevent sunburn. Remember to reapply if you are in the heat for more than an hour as the sunscreen evaporates

Deodorise: Spray a deodorant or antiperspirant on your underarms and neck to avoid bacteria and fungal infections

DURING WORKOUT

Do not touch the face: While working out, you may come in contact with dust and bacteria through the equipment used. Touching your face with sweaty and dirty hands could lead to breakouts and skin problems

Avoid rubbing your face against your clothes as it is unhygienic and can lead to rashes and itching

Hydrate: Drink adequate water

POST-WORKOUT

Cleanse: Remember to always wash your face with a cleanser after working out as sweat and facial oil leads clog pores and causes breakouts

Cool off: Taking a shower not only cools the skin, but also washes away the sweat and closes the pores. Don't forget to moisturise after bathing. It will soothe the skin

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

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RECOGNISING LOVE

LAST week, while in conversation with someone, they said to me, "Nobody loves me!" in the saddest voice ever, and when I asked them, "Nobody at all?" they replied in the affirmative - not a single person loved them, they said. I asked, "Not even you?" My question seemed to take them by surprise for a second, and then they slowly shook their head, and as if it made perfect sense, said. "Of course not! I must be terribly unlovable if nobody loves me, and so, how can I then love myself if I am that unlovable?"

I appealed to their logical and analytical side in many ways - if they experienced a little love at any time, wouldn't it then automatically prove them wrong? If their love for themselves was only conditional on them being loved by others, was it even love in the first place? How do they know nobody loves them - have they conducted a survey of some sort among all the people they knew, and if they did such a survey was it a yes or no binary response, or was it a graded response on some sort of a spectrum? If a spectrum was it from a minus ten, which would be perfectly unloved to a plus ten which would be perfectly loved with zero being something of a general indifference?

No matter what I tried, they seemed so convinced by the logic of their words that they remained resolute in it. Any attempts to point out that it did not seem to be quite as logical as it might seem to them were just rebuffed.

Logic did not work here because there was no rationale here - this was an emotional response to what they really hoped to feel, but have not experienced in the way and form that they have envisioned for themselves for a very long time, and nothing else that might come up would measure up to what they thought was love. Hence, nobody loved them, including themselves.

Sometimes, we build up love as this perfect thing in our heads and refuse to see it in any other way, like that story of a person who so believed in a divine power that when they were caught in a flood and needed to be rescued, they said "No! My divine rescue will happen!" when neighbours formed a human chain to escort themselves to higher ground, and after that, then when a boat passed by for rescue, and even later, when a helicopter came by, they refused till they finally drowned. They were so convinced what this divinity would look like, that they would not take anything else.

We are often like that with love, refusing to see what is there in front of us, insisting that nobody loves us because love has to come in one specific form to mean anything, when there might be enough and more to go around. Love may not be logical, but it certainly doesn't have to be conditional either.

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